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By Judith Ormsby Richter

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ALBION, INDIANA

2012

These obituaries are from The News Sun, Kendallville, Indiana and Albion New Era, Albion, Indiana. I have made every effort for accuracy and do apologize for any errors or omissions. I am glad to help preserve the history of Noble County, Indiana.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
October 1, 2011, Saturday

Matthew Morningstar

FORT WAYNE — Matthew Ross Morningstar, age 29, of Fort Wayne died on Thursday, September 29, 2011, at his home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Morningstar

Matthew was born in Fort Wayne on August 6, 1982, to Terry Lee and Diane (Hicks) Morningstar.

He graduated from Elmhurst High School in 2002.

Matt loved his work at Easter Seals as a client caregiver with A.R.C. of Northeast Indiana. He worked with the residents of A.R.C. over the past six years.

Matt was a huge sports fan! He loved following NASCAR, Chicago Cubs basebal, Bears football, and Komet Hockey. He especially loved spending time with his best friends from childhood, Travis and Amanda Adams and Tony Follis.

Survivors include his mother, Diane Morningstar of Fort Wayne; his sister, Kristen (Charles II) Knipstein of Fort Wayne; his niece, Jaylin Knipstein of Fort Wayne; his aunts, Cathy Johnson (Donald Mosley) of Kendallville, Vickie Black of Kendallville, Susan (Ron) Langston of Fort Wayne, and Cheryl (John) Hornbeck of Fort Wayne; and his uncles, Kevin (Susan) Morningstar of Fort Wayne and David Morningstar of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his father, Terry Lee Morningstar, who died October 4, 2001; his maternal grandparents, Curtis and Hattie Hicks; and his paternal grandparents, George and Mary Morningstar.

Visitation will be Sunday, October 2, and Monday, October 3, anytime after 2 p.m. both days, at Anchor Community Church, 1592 3rd St. in Fort Wayne. There will be evening services at 6 p.m. both nights.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, October 4, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Anchor Community Church in Fort Wayne. There will be an hour of visitation prior to the service.

Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Tim Hallman from Anchor Community Church, Pastor Terry Hinds of Liberty Freewill Baptist Church in Wolcottville and Paul Mawory from Harvest Fellowship Church in Leo.

Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Preferred memorials may be made to family.

Casketbearers will be Dave Morningstar, Kevin Morningstar, Travis Adams, Ron Langston, Tony Follis, and Joe Bikel.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

John Johnson

AUBURN — John J. Johnson, 64, of Auburn and formerly of Fort Wayne, died Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2011, at Parkview Hospital.

Mr. Johnson

Born in Garrett, Ind., he had served in the U.S. Army and retired from G.E.

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis D. Johnson; his children, Kim (Teresa) Johnson and Cheri (Darren) Bandt; his grandchildren, Halee, Wynona, Dakota, Allison, Carson, Logan, Shelby and Rachel; and sister, Kathy McCoy.

He was preceded in death by parents, Olis and Dorothy; a brother Tyraunis; and nephew, David.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Ascension Lutheran Church, 8811 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

The family will greet friends one hour before the service.

Memorials are to Ascension Lutheran Church.

Advantage Funeral & Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
October 1, 2011, Saturday

Virginia Daler

ANGOLA — Virginia E. Daler, 93, of Angola and formerly of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2011, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Daler

Mrs. Daler was a homemaker.

She was a 1937 graduate of South Side High School in Fort Wayne.

She was born June 12, 1918, in Fort Wayne to George I. and Freda C. (Stimmeal) Hoehn. She married Joseph Charles Daler on April 17, 1937. He preceded her in death March 9, 1985.

Surviving are her children, Robert L. and Cloe Daler of Dalton, Mich., Shirley A. Daler of Angola, Robert and Carol Lothamer of New Haven, Steven and Vivian Daler of Angola, Michael and Judith Grubb of Angola and Kathleen "Kathy" and Wenn Knotek of Fremont; an adopted daughter, Patricia Treitch of Angola; 26 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren; 26 great-great-grandchildren; and a sister, Dorothy Graber of Clearwater, Fla.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Graveside funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Bohn Chapel at Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne with the Rev. Wayne Berkesch officiating.

Visitation will be from 2-4 p.m. Sunday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Memorials are to the family in care of Beams Funeral Home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

John Prendergast

HOWE — John M. Prendergast, 81, of Howe died Friday, Sept. 30, 2011, at his residence.

A funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the St. Joseph Catholic Church in LaGrange. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Howe.

Visitation will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W, Michigan St., LaGrange. A Rosary will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the St. Joseph Catholic Church.

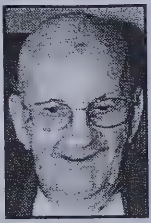
Fred Stevens

HOWE — Fred W. Stevens, of Twin Mills Camp Ground, Howe, and Anderson, S.C., died Thursday, September 29, 2011, at the campground. Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
October 1, 2011, Saturday

Dale Sweet

ASHLEY — Dale W. Sweet, age 91, of Ashley died on Friday, September 30, 2011, at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.


Mr. Sweet

Mr. Sweet was born in Vigo County, Indiana, on July 23, 1920, to John W. Sweet and Susan Marie (Corzine) Sweet.

He attended Terre Haute Gerstmeyer High School. He was in the Civilian Conservation Corps for a short time before entering the Armed Forces.

Mr. Sweet honorably served his country in the United States Army during WWII.

He married Kathryn E. Wagner on June 23, 1940, in Avilla. She preceded him in death on July 4, 1996.

Mr. Sweet worked as a mail clerk at the Kendallville Post Office for 22 years, retiring in 1984.

He was a member of the St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville. He was also a lifetime member of the Kendallville VFW Post 2749.

Mr. Sweet enjoyed being a baseball card dealer and collector. He also belonged to a stamp collecting club at the Kendallville Library.

Survivors include a son, Charles Eugene Sweet of Bloomington, Indiana; three daughters, Jane E. Sweet of Hudson, Indiana, Dale Szeman of Ashley, Indiana and Carol A. and Michael Boger of Auburn, Indiana; five grandchildren; seven stepgrandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; a brother, John F. Sweet of Terre Haute, Indiana; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by parents; his wife, Kathryn Sweet; two sisters; and two half sisters.

Visitation will be Monday, October 3, 2011, from noon to 2 p.m. at the Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Monday, October 3, 2011, at 2 p.m. also at the Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service will be the Rev. Robert Shriner.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville, Indiana.

Preferred memorials may be made to Autism Society of Indiana, St. John Lutheran Church or the MS Society.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
October 2, 2011, Sunday

Strawser built his community

BY DENNIS NARTKER
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KENDALLVILLE — When he entered a local restaurant for coffee, people shouted his name and pulled chairs out for him to sit next to them.

The entire restaurant would be filled with laughter from the countless stories he shared, recalled his nephew, Steve Strawser, who worked with him in the contracting and construction business.

"It was like 'Cheers' on TV," he said. "Those were the good days for those who were fortunate to know Sherm."

Sherman Franklin "The Pup" Strawser of Kendallville passed away Sept. 8, 2011. He was 84.

Known by many as "The Pup," Mr. Strawser along with his late brother, Forest, began Strawser Brothers Construction in 1952. They purchased the original business, Carl D. Strawser and Sons, which began in 1930, from their father. Sherm Strawser remained active in the construction business until 2008.

Mr. Strawser was from what TV news anchor Tom Brokaw called "The Greatest Generation." He served with the U.S. Army in World War II from 1944-1946 like millions of others in his generation, returned from war and married Marjorie Ann Warble on Dec. 30, 1950, at the Church of Christ in Kendallville. They were married for nearly 61 years.

His generation built America, and Strawser Brothers Construction was among those local businesses that built Kendallville. Early on, Mr. Strawser and his brother's company gained a reputation in northeast Indiana for quality contracting and construction. Two noteworthy projects are the Publix Shopping Center and the new Lutheran Home, now Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Sherman F. "The Pup" Strawser

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THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
October 2, 2011, Sunday

Elmer Miller

GOSHEN — Elmer D. Miller, 87, formerly of Middlebury, died at 4:45 A.M. Saturday, Oct. 1, 2011, at the Maples Nursing Center in Goshen. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4, at Pleasant Grove Mennonite Church, C.R. 38, Goshen with the Rev. Randall Riegsecker and the Pleasant Grove Ministry officiating. Burial will be at Clinton Union Cemetery. Friends may call 6-8 p.m. Sunday and 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the church.

They were hard-working, honest and reliable. Like so many of his generation, Mr. Strawser enjoyed an early morning cup of coffee and chat at a local restaurant before he went to work.

Grandson Corey Smith loved hearing his grandfather tell stories about where life had taken him, especially when they involved fishing. Mr. Strawser enjoyed ice fishing.

"He told me once he was fishing on ice so thin that a large piece broke off, carrying away one of his fishing buddies," said Smith. The stray ice came to rest against other ice, and Mr. Strawser's fishing buddy ran to shore.

Smith recalled another time when his grandfather put his pipe in his coat pocket while ice fishing but forgot to put it out. He smelled something burning and realized it was his coat.

Mr. Strawser was known for his skill in working with concrete. Many of Kendallville's sidewalks, curbs and gutters and parts of streets, patios, driveways and basement floors were put in or replaced by Strawser Brothers Construction.

"Many a time Sherm would show me the art of troweling cement," said Steve Strawser. "It never took. He always seemed to be following up behind me, leveling the hills and valleys I had left in my path, but he would never get upset."

Smith recalled all the projects his grandfather helped him with around his house.

"Grandpa was always the first to help and the last one standing beside me looking at the final project," he said.

In addition to ice fishing, Mr. Strawser enjoyed taking care of his yard and garden, working on his rental houses, plowing snow in the winter and, of course, pouring concrete.

He loved spending time with grandchildren and family, spending winters in Florida and fall family trips to northern Michigan. He was a member of the South Milford Church of Christ, the Francis Vinyard VFW Post 2749 and American Legion Post 86, both in Kendallville, and the Odd Fellows, also in Kendallville. In a poem he read at his father's funeral, Chris Smith wrote: "To each of us he has loved and cared, and a family, be thankful for the good times we shared."

For Corey Smith, the sound of a Case tractor coming down the road will forever be associated with his grandfather. He spent many boyhood summers at his grandfather's house. Smith said, "I knew this sound meant I was going to be able to climb up in the cab, sit on his knee and carry out whatever task he had set out to do that day."

Mr. Strawser was buried in South Milford Cemetery with military honors.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
October 2, 2011, Sunday

Stanley High

FORT WAYNE — Stanley W. High, Sr., 80, a resident of Fort Wayne, passed away at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, September 30, 2011 at his home. He had been in declining health since December.

Mr. High

Mr. High was born in LaGrange County on March 22, 1931, a son of Paul and Ella (Sams) High. He spent a portion of his formative years near Helmer, and was married in Churubusco on February 20, 1961 to Donna Angel.

The couple lived most of their married lives in Fort Wayne where he owned and operated High's Trucking, retiring from there in 2009.

The surviving relatives include his wife Donna; seven children Nadine (John) Martin of Fort Wayne, Naola (Jon) Falk of Yoder, Stanley (Keli) High, Jr. of Fort Wayne, Rickey (Carolyn) High of LaOtto, Shelley (Jeffrey) Lee of Huntertown, and Andy High and Judy (Geoffrey) Goudy, both of Ashley; his sister Reah "Sis" (Vess) Long of Nottawa, Mich; 14 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers Dale High, Roy High, and Max High.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p. m. on Tuesday, October 4, 2011, at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastor Worlie Newsome, Jr., officiating.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Monday from 4 to 8 p.m., or one hour prior to the service Tuesday.

Interment will be in the Fairfield Center Cemetery, near Corunna.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road., Fort Wayne, IN 46814; or Fort Wayne Animal Care & Control, 3020 Hillegas Road., Fort Wayne, IN 46808.

To leave an online condolence for the family in Mr. High's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Phyllis Carr

ANGOLA — Phyllis B. Carr, 91, of Angola, died Friday, Sept. 30, 2011 at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mrs. Carr

She was born Jan. 17, 1920 in Angola to Charles and Lottie (Grove) Green. She married Charlie D. Carr on Dec. 31, 1941. Mrs. Carr was a homemaker. She belonged to Lake Gage Congregational Church.

She graduated from Angola High School and graduated from Tri-State University with a secretarial degree.

She is survived by her four daughters: Susan (Timothy) Pepper, of Waterford, Mich.; Linda Shough of Fort Wayne; Barbara Matchette, of Marion; Kathy (Tom) Madigan, of Fort Wayne; nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren and two great- great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Charlie D. Carr on April 26, 1999; son: David A. Carr in 2002; daughter: Mary Cheryl Carr in 1950; two sisters: Ellen Woods & Jeanette Kochensperger and one brother: Allen Green.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m., Wednesday, October 5, 2011 at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Visitation will be 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, October 4, 2011 and one hour before service on Wednesday, October 5, 2011 at the funeral home. Officiating will be Rev. Stephen Altman.

Burial will be in Lake Gage Cemetery, Steuben County, Indiana.

Memorials may be made to Land of Lakes Lions Club and to the Lake Gage Congregational Church. You may sign the guest book at www.weichtfh.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
October 2, 2011, Sunday

Bernice Schueler

ANGOLA — Bernice M. Schueler, 95, of Angola, formerly of Fort Wayne and Coldwater, Mich., died September 30, 2011 at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Schueler

She was born November 6, 1915 in Fort Wayne to Heinrich & Lucy (Doctor) Koehlinger. Mrs. Schueler married Emil Schueler, and he preceded her in death on March 25, 1993.

She was a retired employee of Steuben County REMC. She attended Emmanuel Lutheran School in Allen County, was a member of Lake George Lutheran Chapel, in Fremont.

Survivors include two daughters: Shirley and Richard German of Orland, Judy and Michael McCrea of Angola, eight grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded In death by her husband: Emil Schueler, parents, one sister: Velma Behrman, and one brother: Paul Koehlinger.

Visitation will be 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Wednesday, October 5, 2011 at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont,

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Wednesday, October 5, 2011 Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with Rev. Stan Temme officiating. Burial will be in Clear Lake Lutheran Cemetery, Fremont.

In lieu of flowers memorials are requested to Lake George Lutheran Chapel, 1540 W - 800 N, Fremont, Indiana 46737.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com. Arrangements are being handled by Beams Funeral Home of Fremont, 260-495-2915.

Floyd Fritz

NAPOLEON, Mich. — Floyd Clayton Fritz, 77, a longtime resident of Napoleon, Mich., passed away at his home September 30, 2011.

Mr. Fritz

Mr. Fritz

He is survived by five children, Sherrie (Randy) Hart, Laurie (Allen) Bussaeus, Clayton (Tina) Fritz, Jan (Don) Chamberlin and Russell (Valorie) Fritz, 13 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, two sisters, Esther (Dick) Breese and Patty (Denver) Blair, half-brother Richard Fritz.

He was preceded in death by six siblings Lewis, Ilene, Raymond, Robert, Betty and Margaret.

He was an Army veteran of the Korean War, former employee of Clark Equipment, graduate of Fremont High School in Steuben County. Mr. Fritz enjoyed woodworking, restoring furniture, tinkering and gardening.

Services will be held at Nichols-Arthur Funeral Home, 820 Fifth Street, Michigan Center, Mich. 49254, Tuesday, 11 a.m. with Pastor Reginald Coleman officiating. Interment will be in Oak Grove Cemetery, Napoleon.

Visitation will be held Monday 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Graveside military honors will be provided by the Jackson County American Legion Ritual Team.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
October 2, 2011, Sunday

Fred Stevens

HOWE — Fred W. Stevens, of Twin Mills Camp Ground, Howe, and Anderson, S.C., died Thursday, Sept. 29, 2011, at the camp ground. There will be a memorial service and burial in Magnolia Cemetery, Charleston, S.C., at a later date. Arrangements are by Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

James Stout

LAOTTO — James Michael Stout, 51, died Friday, September 30, 2011, at his home in LaOtto.

He was born August 13, 1960, in Louisville, Kentucky to Carl M. and Barbara A. (Days) Stout. His mother has passed away and his father survives in Kendallville.

Mr. Stout was a former employee of American City Plumbing.

He is survived by a sister, Pamela L. Babcock of Kendallville, and a brother, Michael John Stout of LaOtto.

Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Saturday, October 8, 2011, at Swan Cemetery, Avilla. Preferred memorials may be made to American Diabetes Association.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements. To send condolences visit www.fellerandclark.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
October 3, 2011, Monday

Helen Powell

KENDALLVILLE — Helen I. Powell, 90, of Kendallville died on Sunday, Oct. 2, 2011, at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

Mrs. Powell

Helen was born in Auburn on Oct. 10, 1920, to Verne Diehm and Anna M. (Bauer) Diehm. She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1939.

Helen married her first husband, Ralph Powell, April 21, 1940, in Fremont, and he died April 29, 1965. She married her second husband, Clarence Powell, Nov. 3, 1967, in Waterloo, and he died in May of 1993.

She cleaned homes in the Kendallville and Fremont areas for 50 years. She was a member of the South Milford United Methodist Church in South Milford.

Helen enjoyed being with her family and grandchildren. She loved to read and liked being outdoors gardening and growing flowers. She was a very hard worker.

Survivors include three daughters, Carolyn and Joe Kessler of Middlebury, Connie and Roger Sparkman of Kendallville and Bonnie Gainwell of Coldwater, Mich.; eight grandchildren; Robert Kessler, Deborah McKee, Jeff and Michelle Kessler, Kim and Dave Burnson, Todd Powell, Erica Bird and Ryan Weeks, Barry Poynter and Evelyn and Billy Baker; 14 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Ralph Powell; her second husband, Clarence Powell; one daughter, Dorothy Mowery; one grandson, Brian Mowery; one brother, Wesley Diehm; and three sisters, Mary Mullins, Dorothy Powell and Laverna DePew.

Visitation will be Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2011, from noon to 2 p.m. at the Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2011, at 2 p.m. at the Hite Funeral Home. Officiating the funeral service will be the Rev. Barbara Cross. Burial will be at the Fremont Cemetery in Fremont.

Preferred memorials may be made to the Alzheimer Association.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Helen by Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2011, at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Alberta Hill

LAGRANGE — Alberta M. Hill, 94, of LaGrange died Saturday, Oct. 1, 2011, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Nova Combs

AUBURN — Nova Lee Star Combs, infant daughter of Shelby Combs, died Saturday, Oct, 1, 2011, at Parkview North Hospital in Fort Wayne. She was born earlier in the day at DeKalb Health in Auburn.

She is survived by her mother, Shelby Combs of Auburn; grandparents, Jim Combs of Garrett and Lesa Bolen and Tom Perry of Mandale, Ohio; great-grandparents, Louise Bolen of Mandale and Jack and Colleen Shetley of Waterloo; aunt, Felisha Combs of Mandale; and uncle, Terrence Combs of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by great-grandmother Ora Lee Cody and great-grandfathers, Edward Bolen and Bill Cody.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2011, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Ron Stambaugh officiating. Burial will follow the service in Sedan Cemetery, Corunna. Calling is two hours prior to the service from noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family c/o Shelby Combs. To send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Maynard Peterson

ALBION — Maynard E. Peterson, 83, of rural Albion, died Sunday, Oct. 2, 2011, in the emergency room of Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Homes, Albion Chapel.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
October 4, 2011, Tuesday

Gaynelle Love

FORT WAYNE — Gaynelle Love, 83, passed away Sunday, October 2, 2011, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne. Born in Anderson, Ind., she worked as a School Nurse with Southwest Allen County Schools and started the school nurse program.

Mrs. Love

She was a member of Faith Baptist Church.

She enjoyed the lake and spending time with her family.

She is survived by her husband, J. Mark Love of Fort Wayne; three daughters, Rae (Ron) Gonterman of Roanoke, Jan (Doug) Godfrey of Fort Wayne, and Jill (John) Leu of Lagrange; a sister, Donna (Marshall) Needler of Anderson; a sister-in-law, Betty Belangee of Anderson; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Gaynelle was preceded in death by parents, Harry and Inez; and brothers, Harry and Robert Belangee.

The service is at 2 p.m. Friday, October 7, 2011, at Faith Baptist Church, 6600 Trier Road, Fort Wayne, with calling one hour prior. The Rev. Dennis Roberts will officiate.

Calling also will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, October 6, 2011, at D.O. McComb and Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

Memorials may be made to Faith Baptist Church or Parkview Hospice.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

Alberta Hill

LAGRANGE — Alberta M. Hill, 94, of LaGrange died Saturday, Oct. 1, 2011, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange. Burial will be in Scott Cemetery in Howe.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Burial will be in Scott Cemetery in Howe.

Anna Damer

GALLATIN, Tenn. — Anna Louise Damer of Gallatin, TN, went to be with her Lord and Savior in Heaven on Saturday, October 1, 2011, at the age of 91.

She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and also a Sunday school teacher for over 50 years and taught Bible Clubs for 25 years while living on the Damer farm in Howe, IN.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roger Damer; her son, Michael Damer; her father, Weldon Larimer; her mother, Carrie Marie Larimer; and a brother, Wayne Larimer.

Mrs. Damer is survived by her sister, Leona Long of LaGrange, IN; her daughter, Diane (Carl) Monroe of Midland, MI; her son, Stephen (Margaret) Damer of Howe, IN; a daughter-in-law, Nancy Damer of Winona Lake, IN; her daughter, Rebecca (Kenneth) Ashman of Gallatin, TN; and nine grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at Frurip-May Funeral Home LaGrange, IN, on Saturday, October 8, 2011, at 11 a.m., with visitation from 9 a.m. until services time.

The interment will be at the English Prairie Cemetery in Brighton, IN.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to a longtime friend of the family who is a missionary/evangelist: Gospel Fellowship Association (please note at the bottom of the check "For Dr. Bob Shelton Radio") 1809 Wade Hampton Blvd., Suite 110, Greenville, SC 29609.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
October 4, 2011, Tuesday

Danny Eader

ANGOLA — Danny Dean Eader, 63, of Angola died Sunday, Oct. 2, 2011, at Cameron Memorial Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Eader had been a supervisor.

He was born April 20, 1948, in Garrett. He married Sandra "Sandie" Vonderau on June 6, 1975. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving are two sons, Sean Baxter of Deadwood, S.D., and Dan Eader of Angola; two daughters, Dannell (Andy) Bixler of Louisville, Ky., and Michelle Jones of Springhill, Fla.; a sister, Linda Zimmerman of Fort Wayne; and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his mother and stepfather, Mary Ann (Welch) Milleman and Roger Milleman.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Flint Cemetery in Steuben County with Pastor Jim Hulbert officiating.

Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Memorials are to the family in care of Sandra Eader.

Sign a guestbook at www.weichtfh.com.

Robert Stauffer

AUBURN — Robert Dennis Stauffer, 59, died Sunday, Oct. 2, 2011, at his home in rural Auburn.

Arrangements are pending at Feller & Clark Funeral Home in Auburn.

A full obituary will appear in Wednesday's edition.

Jocquelyn Gaff

ALBION — Jocquelyn "Jo" Gaff, 80, died on Sunday, Oct. 2, 2011, at 11 p.m. at North Ridge Village Nursing Home in Albion.

Funeral services for Gaff are on Thursday, Oct. 6 at 10 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Visitation is from 3-8 p.m. on Wednesday evening at the funeral home. Burial will be at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Memorials can be made to the Central Noble Food Pantry.

Go to brazzellfuneralhome.com to send online condolences.

Mildred Gitt

LAGRANGE — Mildred L. Gitt, 90, died Sunday, Sept. 25, 2011 at her residence.

A memorial gathering will take place on Oct. 8, 2011 at the Brick House in LaGrange from 4-7 p.m. Memorials may be directed to the donor's choice.

Arrangements by Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, Ind.

Online condolences may be submitted to the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Elvira DeLacruz

LARWILL — Elvira R. DeLacruz, 78, of Larwill died Sunday, Oct. 2, 2011, a Kosciusko Community Hospital.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Eastlund Funeral Home in Syracuse. Burial will be at Salem Cemetery in Wilmot.

Calling will be from 2-7 p.m. Friday prior to the service.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
October 5, 2011, Wednesday

Stephanie Fugate

GARRETT — Stephanie Nicole Fugate, 18, of Garrett died Tuesday, October, 4, 2011, as a result of an auto accident near Garrett.

She was a Senior at Garrett High School. She loved playing basketball and enjoyed music.

Miss Fugate

She was born July 23, 1993, in Kendallville to Sonny and Crystal (Hunter) Fugate. Her parents survive in Garrett.

Also surviving are a sister, Courtney (Cody) Osborn of Garrett; a brother, Corey (Morgan Husted) Fugate of Garrett; a niece, Sunnie Lynne Leon of Garrett; a nephew, Conrad Hunter Osborn of Garrett; maternal grandparents, Gary and Rema Hunter of Kentucky and Bill and Pam Bates of Kentucky; paternal grandmother, Kathy Fugate of Garrett; paternal stepgrandmother, Laura Fugate of Kendallville; maternal great-grandmother, Margaret Slone of Kentucky; and paternal great-grandmother, Mae Combs of Garrett.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Cody Fugate in 1992, and paternal grandfather, Jenings "Sonny" Fugate in 2006.

Funeral services will be Friday, October 7, 2011, at 11 a.m. in Harbor of Love Baptist Church, 2353 South Lima Road, Kendallville, with Pastor Charlie Mosley of Harbor of Love Baptist Church and Pastor Terry Hinds of Liberty Free Will Baptist Church in Wolcottville officiating. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

Calling is Thursday, October 6, 2011, from 2 to 7 p.m. in the church, where there will be an evening service at 7 p.m.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

View a video tribute after Thursday or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Garrett woman, 18, dies in crash

GARRETT — A Garrett woman died in a one-car crash Tuesday at 1:54 a.m., Indiana State Police said.

Stephanie Fugate, 18, was pronounced dead at the scene of the crash on C.R. 7-A, just south of C.R. 60.

Police said a preliminary investigation showed Fugate was driving a 2002 Mitsubishi Diamante northbound on C.R. 7-A when she failed to negotiate a curve. The car went off the west side of the road and struck two utility poles, then crossed C.R. 60 and stopped in a yard.

Fugate was completing her final credits toward a Garrett High School diploma at the Garrett Learning Center, according to director Greg Myers.

"She was one of the most polite high school students I have ever been around," said Myers. "She was determined to graduate with her classmates, who I am sure will miss her."

Fugate

The high school made grief counselors available for students Tuesday.

DeKalb County Coroner Jeff Warner investigated. Police said Fugate was not wearing a seat belt.

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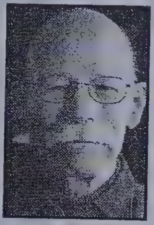
October 5, 2011, Wednesday

David Moses

WEST LAFAYETTE — David F. Moses, 79, of West Lafayette, Indiana, died at 6:45 p.m. Monday, October 3, 2011, at Indiana University Health Arnett Hospital.


Mr. Moses

Born June 4, 1932, in Kendallville, Indiana, the son of Benjamin C. and Helen Eberly Moses, he graduated from Kendallville High School in 1951.

Mr. Moses was an Eagle Scout and a member of the Order of the Arrow.

An alumnus of Purdue University, he received a bachelor's degree in Trade and Industrial Education in 1955 and a Master's in Education in 1958. He started work the day after graduation in 1955 as a member of the staff in the Audio-Visual Department, eventually serving in Library Administration. He retired on June 30, 1996, with the rank of Professor Emeritus after working for 41 years at Purdue.

He married Carolyn Baker of Kendallville, Indiana on July 7, 1957. She survives. Also surviving are daughters, Anne Kostraba (husband, Greg), of West Lafayette, Susan Heasty (husband Paul), of Lafayette, and Brenda Schroeder (husband, Scott) of West Lafayette; and a son, Scott (wife, Jessica) of West Orange, N.J. They have 11 grandchildren: Lily and Julia Kostraba, Chance, Sarah, and Sam Heasty, Matthew and Eric Schroeder, Maggie, Samantha, Devan, and Kate Moses as well as great grandchildren Damon Norfleet and Simon Heasty.

David was a Captain in the Army Reserves, a Lions Club member for 19 years and served on the Board of Governors of the Tippecanoe County Historical Association for over 25 years, two as president. He was actively involved in many aspects of the Feast of the Hunters' Moon from 1968 to 2010.

He was a gifted teacher, administrator, and craftsman, designing his own home and constructing many musical instruments and keepsakes for his family. He enjoyed playing in a folk music band with his wife, children and grandchildren. He highly valued family, a good work ethic and, with his whole heart, his wife of 54 plus years.

Visitation from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at Hippensteel Funeral Home, 822 N. 9th St., Lafayette.

Memorial service is at 11 a.m. Friday at Covenant Church, 211 Knox Drive, West Lafayette, with Pastor Tom Johnson officiating. Burial at 2 p.m. Friday at Spring Vale Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Covenant Church.

Hippensteel Funeral Home entrusted with care. Share memories and condolences online at www.hippensteelfuneralservice.com

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Robert Stauffer

AUBURN — Robert D. (Denny/Bob) Stauffer, 59, of Auburn (formerly of Fort Wayne) born in Woodburn, passed away Sunday in his Auburn home. Most of his adult career was spent with Welder Services, Inc. as a salesman.

Mr. Stauffer

Surviving is his wife, Thea Stauffer; son Dirk (Cathy) Stauffer of Fort Wayne; daughters, Stephanie Stauffer of Monroeville, and Kori (Jerry) Miller of Fort Wayne; and his grandchildren, Sophie and Tebo Stauffer, Max, Jessie and Maddie, Aaliyah and Laityn Miller and Kristen, Lauren and Gabe Stauffer (of Florida).

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert B. and Jessie B. Stauffer; and son, Beau Stauffer.

He deeply loved his family (and his dogs), believed in God, and doing the "right thing." He found enjoyment in the simpler things in life, like playing with grandkids, and making others smile.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the ASPCA or DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

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Jocqyelyn Gaff

ALBION — Jocquelyn "Jo" Gaff, age 80, died on Sunday, October 2, 2011, at 11 p.m. at North Ridge Village Nursing Home in Albion, where she had been living for a week.

Mrs. Gaff was born in York Township, Indiana, on May 28, 1931, and was the daughter of Owen Lane and Thresa Marie (Hursey) Norris.

Mrs. Gaff

She graduated from Albion High School in the class of 1949. She lived her life in the Albion area, but for the past 2 years has lived in Gainsville, Florida, with her daughter, Candace.

On July 13, 1952, she married Burt Gaff at the Albion Courthouse. He died on October 2, 1994.

Mrs. Gaff worked at Monsanto (now Silgan Plastics)in Ligonier, and was a waitress at Coopers in Albion for several years. She was very active in her community, and volunteered at the Central Noble Food Pantry. She was a member of the VFW Women's Auxiliary in Albion and was a past York Township trustee.

In her younger years, she enjoyed dancing. She also enjoyed knitting, puzzles and doing cross stitch. She most enjoyed spending time with her wonderful grandchildren.

Surviving are her daughters, Candace Gaff of Gainsville, Florida and Carol (Jim) Pankop of Kendallville; her son, Cliff (Julia) Gaff of Albion; a daughter-in-law, Jody Gaff of Albion; her brother, Philip Norris of Albion. Also surviving are her grandchildren, Clint Pankop, Carleigh Pankop, Jolene Gaff, Caleb Gaff, Courtney and Lee Gemmill, Brice Gaff, Alyssa Gaff, Ethan Gaff, Dylan Gaff, Darla Gaff.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Burt; her son, Chris Gaff on March 27, 2008; and three brothers, Jack Norris, Larry Norris and Lane Norris.

Funeral services for Mrs. Gaff will be on Thursday, October 6, 2011, at 10 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Pastor Doug Keenan will officiate.

Visitation will be from 3-8 p.m. on Wednesday evening at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell. Pallbearers will be Clinton Pankop, Caleb Gaff, Brice Gaff, Ethan Gaff, Dylan Gaff, Lee Gemmill, Ryan Deveau, and Austin Babbs.

Please make memorials to the Central Noble Food Pantry.

Go to brazzellfuneralhome.com to send online condolences.

David Light

WATERLOO — David H. Light, 56, of Waterloo died Saturday, Oct. 1, 2011, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born July 18, 1955, in Angola to Roscoe Norman and Mary June (Mains) Light. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are two sons, Willus Light of Waterloo and Kris Light of Waterloo; a daughter, Brandy Erne of Garrett; three brothers, Dean Light of Angola, Don Light of Angola, and Norman Light of LaGrange; and two sisters, Nancy Brammall of Angola and Deb Casselman of Hamilton.

He was also preceded in death by a son, David Light, and a sister, Beverly Carter.

No calling or services are planned.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

To send condolences visit www.fellerandclark.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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October 5, 2011, Wednesday

Mildred Gitt

LAGRANGE — Mildred L. Gitt, 90, of LaGrange, died Sunday, Sept. 25, 2011, at her residence.

She was a homemaker and an Avon Sales representative in the LaGrange area for many years.

She lived most of her life in LaGrange, although from 1983 to 2002 she lived in Sebring, Fla.

Mrs. Gitt

She was born Nov. 27, 1920, in St. Joseph County, Mich., to Thomas and Carrie (Gushwa) Hart. She married Walter L. Gitt on Oct. 21, 1947, in Kalamazoo, Mich. He preceded her in death on Oct. 6, 1987.

Surviving are a daughter, Suellyn J. Mickem of LaGrange; a son and daughter-in-law, Larry A. and Barbara Gitt of Polk City, Fla.; five grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her husband; a son, David Gitt, who died Nov. 21, 1992; four sisters; and two brothers.

A memorial gathering will take place Saturday at the Brick House Inn in LaGrange from 4-7 p.m.

Memorials may be directed to the donor's choice.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Ervin Mullet

TOPEKA — Ervin I. Mullet, 58, of Topeka died Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2011, at his residence.

Mr. Mullet was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He had worked maintenance at Forest River in Millersburg.

He was born Aug. 4, 1953, in LaGrange County, to Ira E. and Wilma (Schlabach) Mullet. He married Arlene Bontrager on Nov. 1, 1973, in LaGrange. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Ruby (David) Yoder and Norma (Karl) Miller, both of Millersburg and Erma Mullet at home and her special friend Justin Bontrager of Millersburg; a son, Homer (Erma Jean) Mullet of Topeka; 13 grandchildren; his parents, Ira and Mattie Mullet of Topeka; two sisters, Polly Anna (Melvin) Yoder of LaGrange and Emma (Herman) Miller of Topeka; a brother, LeRoy (Naomi) Mullet of Topeka; three sisters, Kathryn Sue (Phil) Hochstetler of Nappanee, and Dorothy (John E.) Mullet and Edna Fern (Kenneth) Miller, both of Millersburg; five brothers, Vernon (Ruby Lorene) Mullet of LaGrange, Wayne (Wilma Sue) Mullet of Topeka, Calvin (JoAnn) Mullet of Middlebury, and twins, Marvin (Miriam) Mullet and Marion (Sharon Kay) Mullet, both of Shipshewana.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Lora Mullet; a son, Melvin Mullet; and his mother.

Visitation will be after 1 p.m. today and all day Thursday at his residence, 5955 W. C.R. 600S, Topeka.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday also at his residence. Services will be conducted by Bishop Harvey Lambright and home ministers. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery, LaGrange.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

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Danny Eader

ANGOLA — Danny Dean Eader, 63, of Angola died Sunday, Oct. 2, 2011, at Cameron Memorial Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Eader

Mr. Eader had been a supervisor.

He was born April 20, 1948, in Garrett. He married Sandra "Sandie" Vonderau on June 6, 1975. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving are two sons, Sean Baxter of Deadwood, S.D., and Dan Eader of Angola; two daughters, Dannell (Andy) Bixler of Louisville, Ky., and Michelle Jones of Springhill, Fla.; a sister, Linda Zimmerman of Fort Wayne; and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his mother and stepfather, Mary Ann (Welch) Milleman and Roger Milleman.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Flint Cemetery in Steuben County with Pastor Jim Hulbert officiating.

Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. today at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Memorials are to the family in care of Sandra Eader.

Sign a guestbook at www.weichtfh.com.

Gerald Coonrod

FORT WAYNE — Gerald L. "Cooney'] Coonrod, 83, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Oct. 3, 2011, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Visitation will be from 9-11 a.m. Thursday at Saint Joseph Catholic Church, 11337 Old Decatur Road, Fort Wayne.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. at the church.

Burial will be at Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne with military honors by American Legion Post #330 Honor Guard.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Faye Andrews

FORT WAYNE — Faye Wilma (Williams) Andrews, 69, died Sunday, Oct. 2, 2011, at her residence in Fort Wayne.

Visitation and funeral services will be Saturday, October 8, 2011 at Southern Heights Baptist Church,

4001 South Anthony Blvd, Fort Wayne. Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. Saturday at Southern Heights Baptist Church.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
October 5, 2011, Wednesday

Erle LeRoy Andrews Sr., 82

Erle LeRoy Andrews Sr., age 82, of Garrett, died on Thursday, September 29, 2011 at 12:20 AM at the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

He was born on August 11, 1929 in Garrett and was the son of Laurence and Nona (Quigley) Andrews.

A lifetime Garrett resident, he married Frankie Murphy in Fort Wayne on September 1, 1961. She survives in Garrett.

Mr. Andrews worked at Fruehauf Trailer for 25 years and was a member of First Church of God in Garrett.

Surviving are children, Diana Andrews of Fort Wayne, Lane and Ellen Andrews, Sr. of Garrett, Carolyn Lemons of Fort Wayne, Debra Hall of Garrett, and Erle L. and Knoha Andrews II of Kendallville; 14 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Carl Andrews of Garrett.

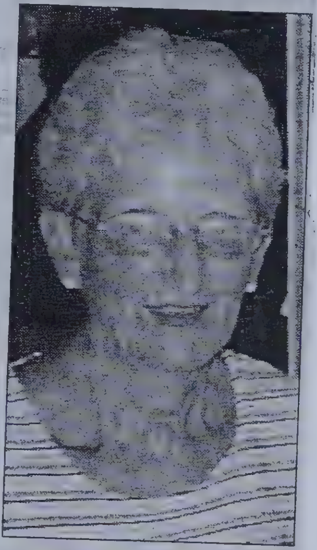
He is preceded in death by his parents; and siblings, Ralph, Robert,and Richard Andrews, and Beverly Tucker.

Funeral services for Mr. Andrews were on Sunday, October 2, 2011 at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

Burial was at Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett. Pallbearers were Justin Andrews, Zackary Andrews, Bruce Andrews, Lane Andrews Jr., Jacob Picklesimer and Gabriel Picklesimer.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
October 5, 2011, Wednesday

Jean Marie Traxler, 75



Jean Marie Traxler, age 75, died on Thursday, September 29, 2011 4:00 AM at her son and daughter-in-law's home in Waterloo. She had been in declining health for several months.

She was born on September 18, 1936 in LaOtto (Ege), Indiana to Lawrence and Beatrice (Lawyer) Schenher.

Mrs. Traxler graduated from Avilla High School in the Class of 1954 and on September 27, 1957 she married Richard E. Traxler at the Ege Immacualate Conception Catholic Church. Richard died on June 23, 2004.

Mrs. Traxler was a lifetime Avilla/Ege resident. In 1978 she came to work for the Town of Avilla as a Deputy Clerk. She was the Avilla Town Clerk for 20 years, being elected in 1983. In 2003, she retired as Deputy Clerk. She was a member of the American Legion Post 240 Women's Auxilliary in Avilla, and was a very active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church where she was involved in the Rosary Society. She enjoyed gardening, canning, and used to enjoy playing bingo, sewing and dancing. She also enjoyed very much working at St. Mary's Labor Day Festival.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Tracy Traxler of Waterloo; and a daughter, Michele Traxler of Florida; seven grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews; a brother and sister-in-law, Jim and Georgia Schenher of Ege; and a sister and brother-in-law, Rozann and David Abbott of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and a daughter, Cheryl Traxler.

Mass of Christian Burial was Monday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. Father Ed Erpelding officiated.

Burial following the Mass was at Ege Cemetery in Ege.

Please make memorials in loving memory of Jean to the Dekalb Hospice.

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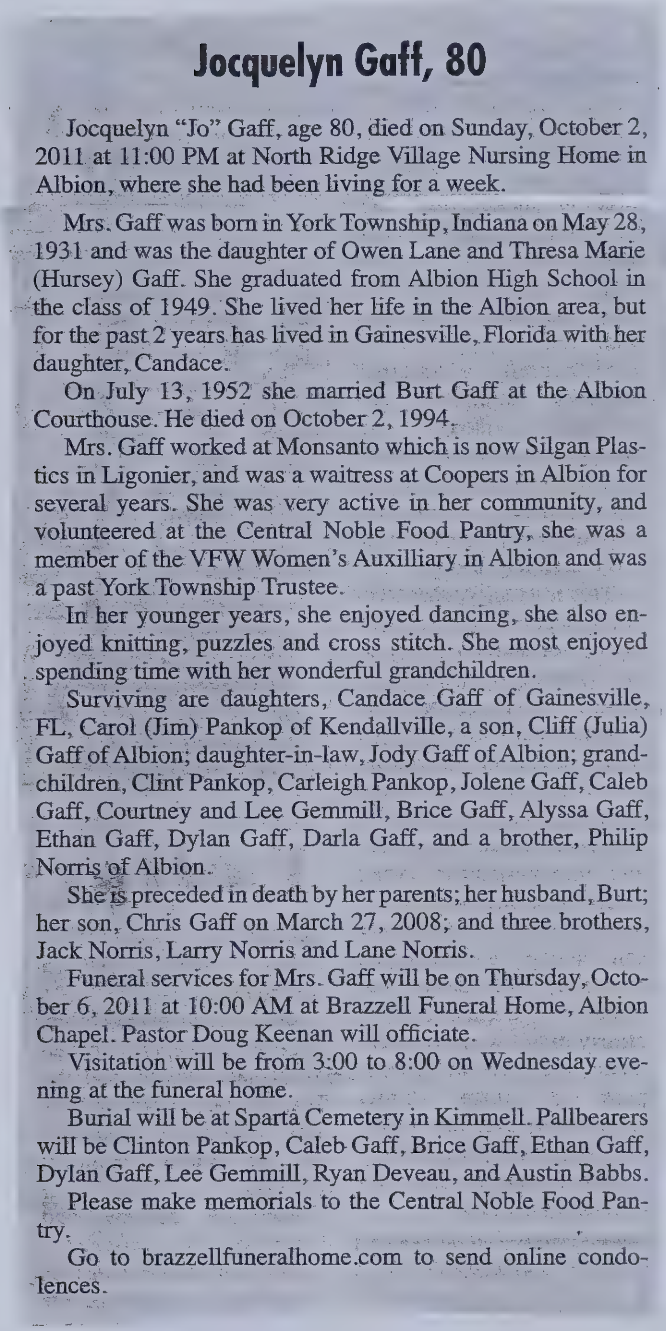
October 5, 2011, Wednesday



Jocquelyn Gaff, 80

Jocquelyn "Jo" Gaff, age 80, died on Sunday, October 2, 2011 at 11:00 PM at North Ridge Village Nursing Home in Albion, where she had been living for a week.

Mrs. Gaff was born in York Township, Indiana on May 28, 1931 and was the daughter of Owen Lane and Thresa Marie (Hursey) Gaff. She graduated from Albion High School in the class of 1949. She lived her life in the Albion area, but for the past 2 years has lived in Gainesville, Florida with her daughter, Candace.

On July 13, 1952 she married Burt Gaff at the Albion Courthouse. He died on October 2, 1994.

Mrs. Gaff worked at Monsanto which is now Silgan Plastics in Ligonier, and was a waitress at Coopers in Albion for several years. She was very active in her community, and volunteered at the Central Noble Food Pantry, she was a member of the VFW Women's Auxilliary in Albion and was a past York Township Trustee.

In her younger years, she enjoyed dancing, she also enjoyed knitting, puzzles and cross stitch. She most enjoyed spending time with her wonderful grandchildren.

Surviving are daughters, Candace Gaff of Gainesville, FL, Carol (Jim) Pankop of Kendallville, a son, Cliff (Julia) Gaff of Albion; daughter-in-law, Jody Gaff of Albion; grandchildren, Clint Pankop, Carleigh Pankop, Jolene Gaff, Caleb Gaff, Courtney and Lee Gemmill, Brice Gaff, Alyssa Gaff, Ethan Gaff, Dylan Gaff, Darla Gaff, and a brother, Philip Norris of Albion.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Burt; her son, Chris Gaff on March 27, 2008; and three brothers, Jack Norris, Larry Norris and Lane Norris.

Funeral services for Mrs. Gaff will be on Thursday, October 6, 2011 at 10:00 AM at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Pastor Doug Keenan will officiate.

Visitation will be from 3:00 to 8:00 on Wednesday evening at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell. Pallbearers will be Clinton Pankop, Caleb Gaff, Brice Gaff, Ethan Gaff, Dylan Gaff, Lee Gemmill, Ryan Deveau, and Austin Babbs.

Please make memorials to the Central Noble Food Pantry.

Go to brazzellfuneralhome.com to send online condolences.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
October 5, 2011, Wednesday

Helen Marie Stiffner, 92

Helen Marie Stiffner, age 92, of Kendallville died on Monday, September 26, 2011 at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

An area lifetime resident, Mrs. Stiffner was born in Kendallville on December 20, 1918 to the late Carl and Bertha (Rimmel) Poage.

She graduated from Rome City High School in 1937.

She was first married to Elton Huff in September of 1939. He preceded her in death in September of 1973.

She later married Paul Stiffner in August of 1980 and he also preceded her in death in February of 1992.

Helen was retired from McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville. She worked in medical records, the billing department and as a switchboard operator.

Helen simply loved life. She loved her family and friends and cherished her grandchildren.

She also loved traveling to Arizona to visit her family there. She loved her Schnauzer dog, Molli and growing her flowers.

Survivors include daughters, Jean Shumaker of rural Kendallville, Ann and Earl Breese of Taylor, AZ; five grandchildren, Scott and Lisa Shumaker of Kendallville, Brenda and Jeff Harmon of Fort Wayne, Lori and Brent Turley of AZ, Jan and Mike Oster of AZ, and Jean and Guy Willis of AZ; 10 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren; 3 step-daughters and their families, Sandra Reid, Paula Hagaman, and Gloria McDonald.

She was also preceded in death by her very dear great-grandson, Nathaniel Shumaker, who died September 2005; and her brother, Roland Poage.

Funeral services were Friday, September 30, 2011 at Sweet Church near Albion.

Officiating the funeral service was Pastor Pamela Lash.

Burial was at Sweet Cemetery.

Preferred memorials may be made to Nathaniel S. Shumaker Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o the Noble County Community Foundation.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
October 5, 2011, Wednesday

Helen I. Powell, 90

Helen I. Powell, age 90, of Kendallville died on Sunday, October 2, 2011 at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

Helen wasborn in Auburn, Indiana on October 10, 1920 to Verne Diehm and Anna M. (Bauer) Diehm.

She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1939.

Helen married her first husband Ralph Powell in April 21, 1940 in Fremont and he died April 29, 1965. She married her second husband Clarence Powell in November 3, 1967 in Waterloo and he died in May of 1993.

She cleaned homes in the Kendallville and Fremont areas for 50 years.

She was a member of the South Milford United Methodist Church in South Milford.

Helen enjoyed being with her family and grandchildren. She loved to read and liked being outdoors gardening and growing flowers. She was a very hard worker.

Survivors include three daughters, Carolyn and Joe Kessler of Middlebury, Connie and Roger Sparkman of Kendallville, and Bonnie Gainwell of Coldwater, MI; eight grandchildren, Robert Kessler, Deborah McKee, Jeff and Michelle Kessler, Kim and Dave Burnson, Todd Powell, Erica Bird and Ryan Weeks, Barry Poynter and Evelyn and Billy Baker; 14 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Ralph Powell; her second husband, Clarence Powell; a daughter, Dorothy Mowery; a grandson, Brian Mowery; a brother, Wesley Diehm; and three sisters, Mary Mullins, Dorothy Powell and Laverna DePew.

Funeral services were Wednesday, October 5, 2011 at the Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Barbara Cross.

Burial was at the Fremont Cemetery in Fremont, Indiana.

Preferred memorials may be made to the Alzheimer Association.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
October 5, 2011, Wednesday

Dale W. Sweet, 91

Dale W. Sweet, age 91, of Ashley died on Friday, September 30, 2011 at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

Mr. Sweet was born in Vigo County, Indiana on July 23, 1920 to John W. Sweet and Susan Marie (Corzine) Sweet.

He attended Terre Haute Gerstmeyer High School.

Mr. Sweet honorably served his country in the United States Army during WWII.

He married Kathryn E. Wagner on June 23, 1940 in Avilla. She preceded him in death on July 4, 1996.

Mr. Sweet worked as a mail clerk at the Kendallville Post office for 22 years retiring in 1984.

He was a member of the St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville. He was also a lifetime member of the Kendallville VFW Post 2749.

Mr. Sweet enjoyed being a baseball card dealer and collector. He also belonged to a stamp-collecting club at the Kendallville Library.

Survivors include son, Charles Eugene Sweet of Bloomington; three daughters, Jane E. Sweet of Hudson, IN, Dale Szeman of Ashley, Carol A. and Michael Boger of Auburn; five grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; brother, John F. Sweet of Terre Haute; several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by parents; his wife, Kathryn Sweet; two sisters; and two half-sisters.

Funeral services were Monday, October 3, 2011 at the Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Paul B. Griebel.

Burial was at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Preferred memorials may be made to Autism Society of Indiana, St. John Lutheran Church or the MS Society.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
October 6, 2011, Thursday

Auburn couple die in crash

PERU — An Auburn couple were killed Wednesday when their car was truck by a semi-tractor trailer on I-69 in Grant County, according to the Indiana State Police.

John Smith, 72, and his wife, Barbara Smith, 69, both of Auburn were southbound on I-69 at 6:56 p.m. when John Smith lost control of his 2007 Lincoln sedan near the 70-mile marker, according to state police.

The car went across the median and into the northbound lane of the interstate. The Lincoln was struck in the rear by a 2007 Freightliner truck, pulling an empty box trailer. The truck was driven by David Johnson, 42, of Chicago.

Both Smith and his wife were ejected from their car and died at the scene, according to state troopers. The Smiths were wearing seat belts but due to the severe nature of the crash, their seat belts broke, police said.

Johnson was not injured.

The crash is still under investigation by the state police. Neither drug use or alcohol are suspected of contributing to the crash, police said.

Juanita Wells

DECATUR — Juanita V. (Walters) Wells, 89, of Decatur died Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2011, in her villa at Woodcrest.

Mrs. Wells retired in March 1982 after 39 years of service as a clerk for International Harvester in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Wells

She had attended Grace United Church of Christ in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Wells was a graduate of Van Wert High School, in Van Wert, Ohio.

She was born in Ohio City, Ohio, Aug. 31, 1922, to Stanley D. and Frieda C. (Schaadt) Walters. She married Carlton R. Wells on Aug. 2, 1947. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are two brothers, Dale E. Walters of North Canton, Ohio, and Ivan M. Walters of Decatur; and 13 nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Marcile Hill, and two brothers, Ned and Dr. Donald Walters.

Visitation will be from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday at Haggard-Sefton and Hirschy Funeral Home in Decatur.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the funeral home. Entombment will be in Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are to Family Life Care-Hospice or Grace United Church of Christ.

To sign a guest book, go on www.haggardandsefton.com.

Rickie Williamson

BUTLER — Rickie Williamson Sr., 57, of Butler, born Sept. 10, 1954, in Butler and passed away October 5, 2011, at home.

Mr. Williamson

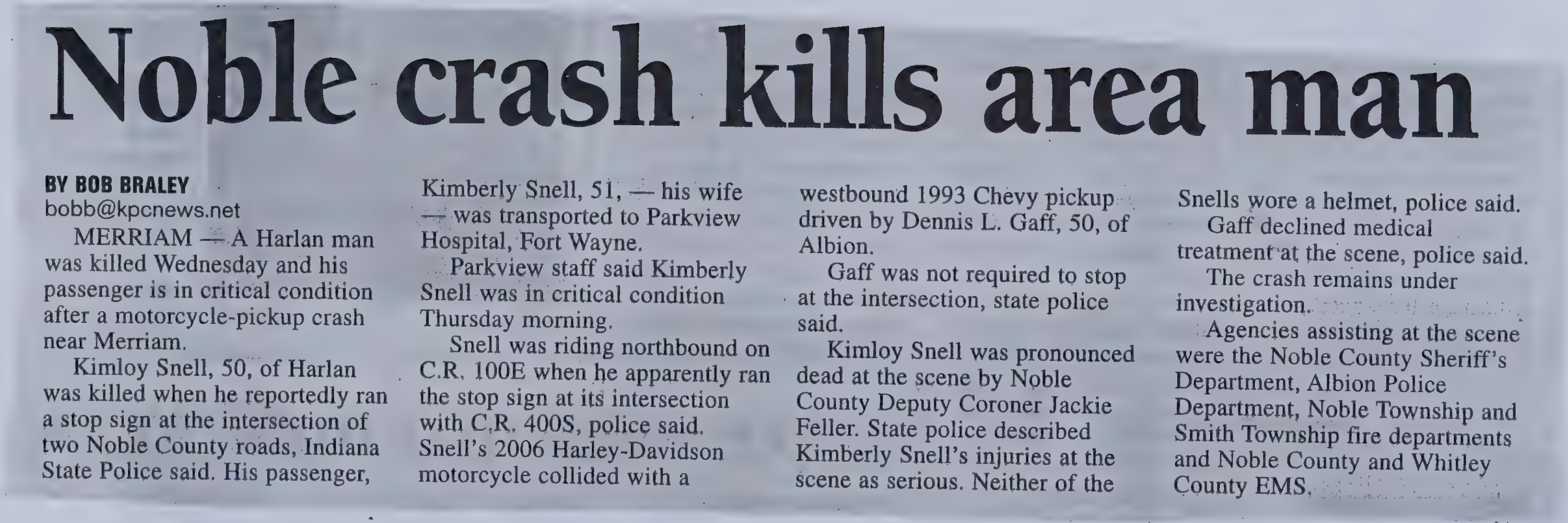
He is survived by his wife, Karen (Meints) Williamson, his children, Buffy (Tony) Salinas of Butler, IN, Pepper, Ricki and Rickie Jr. Williamson, all of Auburn, IN, his step-children, Jerimiah Griggs of New Haven, IN, April (Shane) Poley of Grabill, IN, Kevin (Melissa) Griggs of Butler, IN, Joseph Griggs of Auburn, IN and Brian Griggs of Butler, IN, his siblings, Henry H. Williamson Jr., Deb (Steve) Koch of Spencerville, IN, Konnie (Carl) Prentice of Butler, IN and Tina (Audi) Pepe of Ossian, IN and 12 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services 502 N. Main Street, Auburn.

Visitation is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home and also one hour prior to the service. Burial in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Memorials are asked to be sent to Parkview Hospice. To sign the online guest book or to leave a message of condolence visit www.pinnington-mccomb.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
October 7, 2011, Friday



Noble crash kills area man

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MERRIAM — A Harlan man was killed Wednesday and his passenger is in critical condition after a motorcycle-pickup crash near Merriam.

Kimloy Snell, 50, of Harlan was killed when he reportedly ran a stop sign at the intersection of two Noble County roads, Indiana State Police said. His passenger, Kimberly Snell, 51, — his wife — was transported to Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Parkview staff said Kimberly Snell was in critical condition Thursday morning.

Snell was riding northbound on C.R. 100E when he apparently ran the stop sign at its intersection with C.R. 400S, police said. Snell's 2006 Harley-Davidson motorcycle collided with a westbound 1993 Chevy pickup driven by Dennis L. Gaff, 50, of Albion.

Gaff was not required to stop at the intersection, state police said.

Kimloy Snell was pronounced dead at the scene by Noble County Deputy Coroner Jackie Feller. State police described Kimberly Snell's injuries at the scene as serious. Neither of the Snells wore a helmet, police said.

Gaff declined medical treatment at the scene, police said.

The crash remains under investigation.

Agencies assisting at the scene were the Noble County Sheriff's Department, Albion Police Department, Noble Township and Smith Township fire departments and Noble County and Whitley County EMS.

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Area mourns Smiths

Noted attorney, historian Smith, wife die in crash

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AUBURN — DeKalb County's historian and his wife, Barbara, are being remembered for their contributions to DeKalb County and the city of Auburn.

John Martin Smith, 72, and Barbara "Bobbie" Smith, 71, both of Auburn, died Wednesday evening when their car collided with a semi-tractor trailer on I-69 in Grant County.

An Auburn attorney, John Martin Smith devoted his life to researching and preserving the history of DeKalb County.

"I don't know if there was a better county historian in the state of Indiana," said Scott Bushnell of St. Joe, an author of books on regional and Indiana history.

"I think we've lost someone who could put the present in perspective by teaching us of the past," Bushnell added.

Smith's passions ranged from the horse thief detective societies of the late 19th century to the classic automobiles built in Auburn in the early 20th century.

Smith once said his love of history began when he was a fifth-grader in Butler, inspired by his teacher, James Cather, who hoped to write a history of DeKalb County. When Cather died that year of a heart attack, Smith promised himself, "Someday, I'm going to write that history myself."

"He maintained that childlike love of discovery and research," Bushnell said. "He certainly had a great love for DeKalb County."

When Smith became aware of important historic artifacts, he often would buy them and donate them to the Willennar Genealogy Center in Auburn, Bushnell said.

Because of Smith's lifelong work, Bushnell said, "I think there's a greater appreciation of who we've been and who we are."

Mr. Smith was regarded as the

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SMITHS: *Helped found museums, annual festival*

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PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

This photograph of John Martin Smith and his wife, Barbara "Bobbie" Smith, was taken at one of their family's traditional Sunday night dinners. Family members say it was Bobbie Smith's favorite picture of the couple.

father of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum and National Automotive and Truck Museum, both in Auburn.

"The man was always devoted to his community and especially to the history of the community and to promoting the community," said Jack Randinelli, a member of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Festival board of directors since its founding nearly 40 years ago.

Randinelli recalled working with Smith to create two corporations to operate Auburn's classic car museum and festival.

"That was the beginning of a fantastic thing for this community ... in how it's grown and given the community national recognition," Randinelli said.

Personally, Randinelli said about Mr. Smith, "He was a fantastic guy, and always had time to stop and chat with you,"

Raised in Butler, Mr. Smith came to Auburn in 1965 after graduating from the Indiana University School of Law.

He served as president of Auburn Automotive Heritage, which operates the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum, from the museum's opening year in 1974 through 1986. He also was president of the board of trustees for Eckhart Public Library from 1973-1982 and served as Auburn city attorney from 1976-1983.

Mr. Smith wrote and edited a 1,500-page history of DeKalb County, published for the county's 150th anniversary in 1987. He also wrote "Auburn, A Classic City" and many other books with historical photographs and information on the county and northeast Indiana.

Mrs. Smith taught language arts at Martinsville Junior High School from 1962-64 and English at Auburn High School from 1965-66. She then worked in her husband's law office for several years and served as president of Smith-Cornell Inc., which made markers for historic sites and buildings.

Auburn Mayor Norm Yoder called the couple's deaths tragic.

"If it wasn't for his unique set of skills he possessed and his passion, we wouldn't have many of the things we take for granted today," Yoder said about Mr. Smith. "It's safe to say he'll never be forgotten as a person and for his contribution to the community as a whole."

DeKalb County Council President Ben Smaltz said no one worked as hard as Mr. Smith to preserve DeKalb County's heritage.

"It was a sudden loss that came as a shock this morning," Smaltz said Thursday. "For anyone who was fortunate enough to know them, today is a very sad day. My thoughts and prayers go out to ... the entire Smith family. They will be sorely missed in our community."

A spokeswoman for the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum also expressed sorrow at the loss of the Smiths.

"All of the trustees, staff, and volunteers of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum are saddened to hear of the tragic death of John Martin Smith and his wife, Bobbie," said Kendra Klink, operations director for the museum.

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Funeral Monday at ACD Museum for John Martin Smith & Barbara 'Bobbie' Smith

AUBURN — John Martin Smith, 72, and Barbara "Bobbie" Smith, 71, of Auburn passed away on Wednesday, October 5, 2011, in a tragic traffic accident in Grant County, Indiana. In loving memory of our father, mother, daughter, brother, sister-in-law, father-in-law, mother-in-law, grandfather, and grandmother.

Mr. Smith was born on August 17, 1939, to Walter Melvin Smith and Kathleen Ruth (Creager) Smith. They predeceased him. Mr. Smith lived in Butler during his youth and then moved to the Smith family farm on the south edge of Butler. He graduated from Butler High School in 1957. He then graduated from Indiana University in Bloomington with a B.S. in business in 1962. He was a member of Theta Chi fraternity.

On September 3, 1960, he married Barbara "Bobbie" Alice Clark at the Ninth Street Christian Church in Logansport, Indiana. Mrs. Smith was born July 13, 1940, at Indianapolis, Indiana, to Charles Bosler Clark and Erma Dean (Shumaker) Clark of Mooresville, Indiana. Mrs. Smith was preceded in death by her father, but is survived by her mother. Mrs. Smith graduated from Plainfield High School in 1958 and from Indiana University with a B.S. in education in 1962. She was a member of Sigma Kappa sorority.

John Martin and Barbara Smith.

Mr. Smith graduated from the Indiana University School of Law in 1965. He was a member of the Order of the Coif and was a Note Editor of the Indiana Law Journal. He began practicing law in Auburn, Indiana, on October 1, 1965, and recently marked forty-six years as an attorney. From 1998 until his death Mr. Smith practiced law with his son, Thompson Smith.

Mr. Smith served on numerous boards of directors of not-for-profit organizations. He is the founder of the DeKalb County Historical Society, the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum, and the National Automotive & Truck Museum of the United States, Inc. (NATMUS).

He served on the Board of Trustees and as President of the Indiana Historical Society, on the Board of Directors of the American Truck Historical Society, and on the Board of Directors of Indiana Landmarks. He also held several public offices, including the Board of Trustees and President of the Eckhart Public Library, Auburn City Attorney, and as DeKalb County Historian from 1982 until his death.

Mr. Smith fell in love with history in the fifth grade. His passion was local history. During his life, Mr. Smith wrote numerous articles on historical subjects and was the author of seventeen books. In 1990, the 1,510 page "History of DeKalb County, 1837-1987" was published in observance of the Sesquicentennial of DeKalb County. He authored six books for Arcadia Publishing Company, including "Auburn, The Classic City" and "DeKalb County in Vintage Postcards."

John Martin was a "Sagamore of the Wabash," a recipient of the "Auburn Medal of Arts," the "Allen Graber Citizen of the Year Award," and the "Friend of Automotive Historians Award."

After graduating from Indiana University, Mrs. Smith taught language arts at the Martinsville Junior High School and then taught English at Auburn High School. She then worked part time as a secretary and bookkeeper in the law office for several years. In 1976, Mrs. Smith founded Smith-Cornell, Inc. to manufacture and sell plaques and markers for historic properties across the nation. She sold that business in 1991 and then went to work for the NATMUS museum in Auburn until her retirement.

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Mrs. Smith was a member of Tri Kappa and previously involved with Auburn Improvement Association, Ladies Literary, and DeKalb Music Association, among others.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith are survived by three sons and daughters-in-law, John Clark Creager Smith and Joan Smith of Fort Wayne, Indiana, John Charles Thompson Smith and Jama Smith of Auburn, Indiana, and John Carl Patrick Smith and Mary Smith of Auburn, Indiana; grandchildren, Kathleen Smith, Leah Smith, Conner Smith, Caleb Smith, Kendyl Smith, and Katie Smith; a brother and sister-in-law, Rev. Charles W. Smith and Arlene Smith of Cedar Springs, Michigan; a sister, Julie Hutter of Fort Myers Beach, Florida; and Bobbie's mother, Erma Dean Clark of Auburn.

John and Bobbie celebrated their fiftieth anniversary last year and celebrated their fifty-first anniversary by completing the ACD Hoosier Tour in a 1919 Auburn. They were proud of their fifty-one years together, but were particularly proud of completing the tour.

John and Bobbie were known to their grandchildren as "Grandpa and Grandma at the Farm." Their children and grandchildren meant everything to them. Bobbie recently went on trips with Kathleen in support of her graduate creative project at Ball State University and both of them loved to visit Leah at Huntington University. All of the children and grandchildren would meet on Sunday evenings for dinner at "The Farm" with John and Bobbie. John took Conner, Caleb, Kendyl, and Katie to Holiday World every summer and always encouraged them in all of their endeavors. Grandchildren enjoyed long talks with grandma and projects with grandpa. Grandpa baked all of the Smith family birthday cakes. (Texas sheet cake). A grandchild's paradise was found at the home of John and Bobbie. In fact, they were delighted to help their grandchildren get into mischief that they hadn't thought of yet.

John and Bobbie will be missed dearly by their family, their friends, and their community.

Calling is on Sunday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home in Auburn from 1 p.m. until 8 p.m. A second calling will occur on Monday from 10 a.m. until Noon at Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum with a funeral service at noon. After the funeral service, there will be a procession through the National Automotive & Truck Museum of the United States with a graveside service following at Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn. John and Bobbie's automotive enthusiast friends are encouraged to drive their special interest cars to the service.

Preferred memorials are to the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum, NATMUS Museum, Willenar Genealogy Center and St. Martin's Health Clinic

To send online condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

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Charles Boehme Sr.

ELKHART — Charles L. Boehme Sr., 70, died Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2011, at East Lake Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Mr. Boehme

He was born July 31, 1941, in Logansport to the late Ruben Earl and Ida B. (Sloop) Boehme. He married Mary Ellen Mast Oct. 19, 1995, at Clinton Frame Mennonite Church. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Charles L. (Monica) Boehme, Jr., Waterloo; two daughters, Charlotte (Edgar) Caudill and Carrol Tackett, both of Angola; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two nieces, Deborah Bumpus and Diana (Randy) MacNeal, both of Elkhart; and several other nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Christine Christian in 2006; two brothers, Fredrick and Carl Boehme; and two sisters, Thelma "Dolly" Weimer and Mary Linback.

A 20 year area resident, Mr. Boehme worked in maintenance at Gunite, Elkhart.

He was an avid hunter and enjoyed watching football, especially the Indianapolis Colts.

Friends may call 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m., Friday and one hour prior to the 11:30 a.m., funeral service on Saturday at Clinton Frame Mennonite Church. Pastors John Troyer and Oliver Yutzy will officiate.

Burial will follow in Clinton Frame Cemetery, Goshen.

Memorial contributions may be made to M.D.A.

Yoder-Culp Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Rickie Williamson Sr.

BUTLER — Rickie Williamson Sr., 57, of Butler, born Sept. 10, 1954, in Fort Wayne, died Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2011, at his home.

Mr. Wiliamson

He is survived by his wife, Karen (Meints) Williamson; his children, Buffy (Tony) Salinas of Butler, and Pepper, Ricki and Rickie Jr. Williamson, all of Auburn;, his stepchildren, Jerimiah Griggs of New Haven, April (Shane) Poley of Grabill, Kevin (Melissa) Griggs of Butler, Joseph Griggs of Auburn,and Brian Griggs of Butler; his siblings, Henry H. Williamson Jr., Deb (Steve) Koch of Spencerville, Konnie (Carl) Prentice of Butler and Tina (Audi) Pepe of Ossian; and 12 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry H. and Dorothy M. Williamson.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home and also one hour prior to the service.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice.

To sign the online guest book or to leave a message of condolence visit www.pinnington-mccomb.com.

Martha Coers

AUBURN — Martha Merrie Coers, 62, of Auburn died Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2011, at DuPont Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Coers was a wife, mother, and homemaker.

She was a graduate of the Indiana School for Deaf and Blind.

Mrs. Coers

She was born Oct. 12, 1948, in Carmel, Indiana, to George L. and Dena Pugh.

Surviving are four children, Gloria A. Coers of Norfolk, Va., Lorne E. L. Coers of Kewanna, Christopher R. Coers of Kewanna, and Josef V. Coers of Norfolk, Va.; four grandchildren, Rhapsody Coers, Nathaniel Winters Coers, Matthew Coers, and Michael Coers; two sisters, Phyllis O'Neal of Winamac, and Beverly Pugh of Georgia.; and two brothers, David Pugh of Winamac, and Daniel Pugh of Columbus, Ohio

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Michael Everett Coers; and a brother, Jerry Pugh.

A memorial service will take place at 2 p.m. Sunday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the family receiving friends from 1-2 p.m. prior to the service. The Rev. Scott Davis will be officiating. Burial will take place Mt. Zion Cemetery in Winamac at a later date.

Memorials may be directed to the family in care of Gloria Coers, 323 E. Chester St., Norfolk, Virginia, 23503.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com..

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Maynard Peterson

ALBION — Maynard E. Peterson, 83, of rural Albion died unexpectedly Sunday, October 2, 2011, at 7:21 a.m. in the Emergency Room of the Parkview Noble Community Hospital in Kendallville.

Maynard was born on June 6, 1928, in Worth County, Iowa, to Gilbert and Alvina (Lau) Peterson. On April 26, 1952, he married Maxine Housholder of Avilla at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla. She preceded in him on death on May 31, 2011.

Maynard worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad as a block signal operator and retired from Conrail. Since 1957, he also farmed on the family farm in Jefferson Township.

He was a veteran of the United States Navy.

He enjoyed bird watching, collecting antiques and most of all being with his grandchildren.

Maynard is survived by three daughters, Rebecca (Douglas) Gaff, of Rolling Prairie, Indiana, Susan Peterson of Albion, and Christy (Momodoa) Ceesay of St. Paul, Minnesota; five grandchildren, Clarissa (Steven Miller) Gaff of St. Louis, Peter Gaff of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Brendan Gaff of Portland, Oregon, and Jamila and Omar Ceesay of St. Paul.

Also surviving are his twin sister, Marjorie Grigutis of Munster, Indiana, and three other sisters, Dorothy Dempewolf of Denver, Genevieve Kirsch of Albert Lea, Minnesota, and Phyllis Cordera of Calumet City, Illinois; and six brothers, Arnold Peterson, and Gordon (Linda) Peterson of Glenville, Minnesota, Gaylord (Darlene) Peterson and Norman (Connie) Peterson of Albert Lea, Lemoine (Pat) Peterson of Hastings, Minnesota, and Palmer (Crystal) Peterson of Twin Lakes, Minnesota.

In addition to being preceded in death by his wife of 59 years, Maxine, he was also preceded in death by his parents; three sisters, Belean Johnson, Loretta Nelson, and Rena Christensen; and two brothers, Arthur Peterson and Harlan Peterson.

A graveside service will be held in December at Sweet Cemetery.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the National Parkinson Foundation, P.O. Box 5018, Hagerstown, Maryland, 21741-5018 or at parkinson.org.

Go to brazzellfuneralhome.com to send online condolences.

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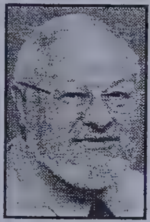
James Furnish

HAMILTON — James E. Furnish, 65, died Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2011, at his home on Ball Lake in Hamilton.


Mr. Furnish

He was born April 4, 1946, in Fort Wayne, to Delbert and Garnet (Hudson) Furnish.

He served in the U.S. Navy, worked as a farmer for two years, and worked and retired from Eaton Corp in Auburn after 35 years of service.

Mr. Furnish was very proud of his time spent in the service. He was a lifetime member of the Butler American Legion and National Riffle Association.

He deeply enjoyed family and his little dog "Dixie."

He liked to fish, garden, and cook. He loved his church and his Lord.

Surviving is his wife Ann (Prewett) Furnish of 46 years; three daughters and sons-in-law, Lisa and Brant Moore of Angola, Kimberly and Andy Wann of Ashley, and Amy and Chris Hodges of Auburn; eight grandchildren, Jessica (John) Weimer, Kara Hawver, Kurtis (Kara Lynn) Hawver, Morgan Moore, Olivia Moore, Richard Sonnenberg, Christopher Hodges, and Emagin Hodges; four great-grandchildren, Isabella, Makayla, Averil, and Matt; a brother, Jerry Furnish of Auburn; a sister, Judy Howard of Union City, Ohio; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Bill Furnish; and three sisters, Betty Furnish, Bonnie Raeke, and Nancy Fogle.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with visitation from 10-11 a.m. prior to the service. Jeff Alexander will be officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery in Auburn with military graveside services being conducted by the U.S. Navy and Butler American Legion.

There will also be visitation from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the Hamilton Church of Christ Building Fund.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Rev. Donald Ruhl

WINONA LAKE — Rev. Donald L. Ruhl, 82, of Winona Lake died Saturday, Oct. 1, 2011, at Grace Village Retirement Center.

Funeral services were Thursday at Main Street United Methodist Church in Logansport.

Burial was in Newville Cemetery near Auburn.

Fisher Funeral Chapel in Logansport was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to U.M.C.O.R., United Methodist Committee on Relief, or to Camp Re-Yo-Ad at Epworth Forest, North Webster, IN.

Lily Henderson-Reed

GOSHEN — Lily Anne Henderson-Reed, infant daughter of Kristy Henderson and Matt Reed of Goshen, was stillborn Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2011, at IU Health Goshen Hospital, Goshen.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. today at Prairie Street Cemetery, Elkhart.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Esther Berkey

FORT WAYNE — Esther M. Berkey, 91, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Ligonier died Thursday, Oct. 6, 2011, at St. Anne Home in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Gregory Jones

HAMILTON — Gregory P. Jones, 56, died Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2011, at his home in rural Hamilton.

Services will be at 6 p.m. Saturday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Visitation will be from 2-6 p.m. Saturday prior to the funeral service.

Memorials may be directed to the family in care of Zach and Aaron Jones.

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Smiths gave county pride in its history

When John Martin Smith and his wife, Barbara "Bobbie" Smith, died in a highway crash Wednesday, DeKalb County suffered an irreplaceable loss.

Over a career that spanned from the mid-1960s to this summer, the Smiths gave DeKalb County a sense of the unique character of its history.

John Martin Smith, with his wife as his helper, led the way in saving the remaining buildings of the Auburn Automobile Co. in Auburn. Under Smith's leadership, they became the glittering Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum and the industrial-themed National Automotive and Truck Museum.

In the early 1970s, when some factions wanted to erect a modern building as a museum to house classic Auburn-built cars, Smith insisted on tackling the harder task of restoring the Auburn Automobile Co. headquarters. Today, we know it was well worth the extra effort.

Two decades later, Smith turned his attention to the crumbling but history-rich factory buildings behind the ACD Museum. He spearheaded the effort to turn them into a second high-quality museum for the city.

For DeKalb County's 150th anniversary in 1987, Smith fulfilled his longtime dream of writing a new history book about the county. His accumulated knowledge filled 1,500 pages.

Smith also wrote numerous smaller books about Auburn's history and illustrated them with highlights from his massive collection of old photographs and postcards.

He took special interest in Eckhart Public Library, across the street from his office, and its ties to the founding family of Auburn Automobile Co.

He revered the handsome DeKalb County Courthouse, where he practiced law, writing a pamphlet about its history and helping to celebrate its centennial this year.

We appreciate the way Smith valued newspapers for their role in recording "instant history" that survives down through the decades. He spoke kinds words about our newspaper company at our centennial party just a few weeks ago.

DeKalb County, northeastern Indiana and the entire state were blessed to have someone with Smith's devotion to history.

Other people may come close to matching Smith's passion for local heritage, but he possessed a rare ability to translate it into forms that thousands of other people could enjoy.

All of us are richer for having had John Martin Smith in our midst, and his community will miss him dearly.

OUR VIEW *is written on a rotating basis by Grace Housholder, Dave Kurtz, Michael Marturello and Matt Getts. Publisher Terry Housholder is also a member of the editorial board. We welcome readers' comments.*

John Martin Smith was a visionary

As I listen to the achievements of the late Stephen Jobs described on television, I'm thinking of the loss of John Martin and Bobbie Smith of Auburn in a car accident at about the same time. Steve Jobs and John Martin Smith both were men of vision and Bobbie was instrumental in making John's visions come true.

The visions of Steve Jobs and John Martin Smith were quite different. Steve Jobs aspired to create perfect computers. John Martin Smith wrote the history of DeKalb County, helped create fabulous museums, was involved with the restoration of the train station and was part of the creation of the Northeastern Center more than 30 years ago.

John Martin Smith was a visionary. His vision looked back. John Martin Smith realized that when we look back with clear eyes, our vision for the future becomes more meaningful.

George O. Witwer,
KPC Media Group publisher emeritus

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Former Lakeland coach Sirk dies

LAGRANGE — Timothy H. Sirk, 48, former basketball coach at Lakeland and Hamilton high schools, died Friday at his home after a lengthy illness.

Mr. Sirk

In his 24-year career as a high school basketball coach, Sirk led his players to sectional championships at Hamilton in 1991 and at Lakeland in 2003 and 2008. He holds the record for the most games won as a Lakeland High School varsity coach with 203 wins. His teams achieved 11 consecutive winning seasons, seven conference championships and six conference tournament titles. He was chosen All-Area Coach of the Year in 1991, 2009 and 2010.

A memorial service will be Thursday at 10 a.m. at the LaGrange Church of God, 777 N. Detroit St., with calling Wednesday from 3-8 p.m. at the church. His obituary appears on Page A4.

Timothy Sirk

LAGRANGE — Timothy H. Sirk, 48, of LaGrange, IN died Friday, October 7, 2011, at his home.

Mr. Sirk

Mr. Sirk moved from Hamilton, IN to LaGrange in 1995. He was a member of the LaGrange Church of God, IHSAA Coaches Association and Manchester College Alumni Association.

Mr. Sirk spent twenty-five years as a Social Studies teacher. He taught at Oak Hill High School, Hamilton High School and at Lakeland High School. Mr. Sirk coached basketball for twenty-four years. He was a JV coach at Oak Hill High School and a Varsity coach at Hamilton and Lakeland High Schools. Among his many accomplishments as a coach was winning three Sectional titles (Hamilton High School in 1991 and at Lakeland High School in 2003 and 2008). He holds the record for the most games won as a Lakeland High School Varsity Coach with 203 wins. In addition, he had 11 consecutive winning seasons, 7 conference championships, 6 NECC Tournament championships and was named All Area Coach of the Year in 1991, 2009 and 2010. Mr. Sirk loved coaching, but his family and faith always came first.

Mr. Sirk was born on July 27, 1963, in Muncie, IN to Robert "Joe" and Alys (Orrell) Sirk. They both survive in Angola, IN.

On June 6, 1987, in LaFontaine, IN he married Elizabeth A. Mercer. Mrs. Sirk survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are a daughter, Chloe Sirk of LaGrange; a son, Jake Sirk of LaGrange; and a brother, Scott Sirk of Fishers, IN and a father-in-law and mother-in-law, Billy and Dixie Mercer of LaFontaine, IN.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, October 13, 2011, at 10:00 am at LaGrange Church of God, 777 N. Detroit St., LaGrange, IN with Rev. Brian VanOsdol officiating.

A memorial visitation will be on Wednesday, October 12, 2011 from 3-8 pm at the LaGrange Church of God.

Memorials may be made to the Terry Schmidt Scholarship Fund, c/o LaGrange County Community Foundation.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com

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Agnes Hansen

BREMERTON, Wash. — Agnes L. Hansen, 86, of Bremerton passed away on Wednesday, October 5, 2011, in Auburn, Wash. She was born on August 30, 1925, in Mooresville, Ind., to R. Everett and Blanche (Woods) Collins.

Agnes graduated from Martinsville High School in Martinsville, Ind., in 1943. She married Loren Hansen on October 28, 1948, in Kodiak, Ark.

She was a civil service Executive Administrative Assistant for the Navy before her retirement.

Mrs. Hansen

Agnes enjoyed volunteering and was a devoted volunteer for over 20 years at the Discovery Shop in Silverdale and the Harrison Medical Center.

She belonged to the Alaska Lunch Bunch with many close friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and beloved husband of 43 years, Loren.

She is survived by her children, Warren (Janice) Hansen of Andover, Kan.; Pam (Jim) Johnson of Tucson, Ariz.; and Dale (Annie) Hansen of Bremerton, Wash.; a brother, David Collins of Auburn, Ind.; her grandchildren, Elizabeth (Barry) Rousseau, James (Amanda) Hansen, Sarah Johnson, Katie Hansen and Chad (Jen) Brown; her great-grandchildren, Emma Rousseau and Oliver Brown; and numerous loving extended family members.

A funeral service will be on Sunday, Oct. 10, at 11 a.m. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2509 Perry Ave., Bremerton.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Providence Hospice of Seattle or the Alzheimer's Association. Arrangements entrusted to Miller-Woodlawn Funeral Home in Bremerton.

Louis Harmeyer

CHURUBUSCO — Louis C. Harmeyer, 87, of Fort Wayne died Friday, Oct.7, 2011, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be held 1 p. m. Monday at Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 6318W. California Road. Interment will be in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the the church and one hour prior to the service Monday.

Memorials are to Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church or to Worship for Shut-Ins.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

Leslie Janes

LAGRANGE — Leslie W. Janes, 60, of Howe died Thursday, Oct. 6, 2011, at his home. Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

James Caupp

CHURUBUSCO — James A. Caupp, 74, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Churubusco, died Thursday, Oct. 5, 2011, at the Towne House Retirement Center in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be at 2 p. m. Sunday in the chapel of the Towne House Retirement Community, 2209 St. Joe Center Road.

Calling will be from 2 to 6 p. m. today or at the chapel one hour prior to the service Sunday afternoon.

Interment will be in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Memorials are to Gilbert Davis American Legion Post 157, 115 S. Main St., Churubusco, IN 46723; or to Children's Hope, 7922 W. Jefferson Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46804.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

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Gloria Trier-Simonton

WOLCOTTVILLE — Gloria Trier-Simonton, 66, of Wolcottville died Friday, October 7, 2011, at 3:45 a.m. in her residence on Big Long Lake surrounded by her family.

She was a 1963 graduate of Kendallville High School. She received a degree as an LPN from Ivy Tech in Fort Wayne and a bachelor's degree as an RN from the University of Saint Francis in Fort Wayne in 2004.

Mrs. Trier-Simonton

She was owner and operator of The Cellar, a ceramic shop in Kendallville for many years. She was a Registered Nurse at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne for seven years.

Gloria was a member of Destiny Family of Faith in Kendallville.

She enjoyed spending time on the lake with her family and friends. She loved going to all of her grandchildren's activities.

She was born December 2, 1944, in Kendallville to Floyd and Loretta (Faulkner) Maxson. On February 14, 2009, in LaGrange she married Thomas Simonton. He survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Lisa Trier of Wolcottville, Michele (Bryan) Romer of Kendallville, and Penny Becker of Kendallville; a son, Powell (Sandi) Simonton of Kendallville; and eight grandchildren, Katrina Romer, Derek Romer, Paige Romer, Myah Romer, Shaely Simonton, Shobi Simonton, Samantha Becker, and Austin Becker of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Marie Guard; a stepsister, Audrey Keller; and two stepbrothers, Floyd Maxson Jr. and Richard Maxson.

Graveside services will be Tuesday, October 11, 2011, at 2 p.m. in Orange Cemetery near Rome City with Pastor Mike Albaugh of Destiny Family of Faith officiating.

Calling is Monday, October 10, 2011, from 4 to 8 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

Preferred memorials are to Destiny Family of Faith.

View a video tribute after Monday or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

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Esther Berkey

LIGONIER — Esther Marie Berkey, age 91, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Ligonier, passed away on October 6, 2011, at St. Anne's Home in Fort Wayne.

She was born on April 21, 1920, to Carl and Esther (Behner) Brumbaugh in Mishawaka, Ind. On December 14, 1940, she married Lloyd Berkey. He preceded her in death.

Mrs. Berkey

Mrs. Berkey was a 1938 graduate of Mishawaka High School and later became a cook for Ligonier High School.

She attended Park Forest Methodist Church in Fort Wayne and liked to play cards.

Most of all, she loved her grandchildren and was a wonderful mother and grandmother.

She is survived by three sons, Eldon (Gayle) Berkey of Crest Hill, Ill., Larry (Molly) Berkey of Dedham, Mass., and Dennis (Vicki) Berkey of Fremont, Ind.; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; two brothers, William and Phil; and two sisters, Ruth Ann and Barbara.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, one brother and three sisters.

There will be a graveside service held in Mrs. Berkey's honor on Monday, October 10, 2011, at 1:30 p.m. at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier with Celebrant Larry Baker officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions be directed to St. Anne's Home, 1900 Randallia Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46805

The Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com

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Trucker remembered for humor

BY JENNIFER DECKER
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FREMONT — Maurice Stuckey's nickname was "Push It" and his wife, Ilva, was known as "Pull It."

The couple received the names for being a longtime truck-driving team and it also reflected on their strong work ethic and sense of humor.

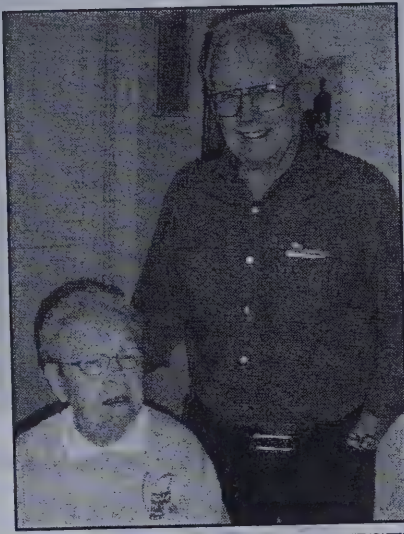
Mr. Stuckey, 84, of Fremont, and formerly of Wauseon, Archbold, and Pettisville, Ohio, died Sept. 8, 2011 at Parkview North Hospice, Fort Wayne, from bladder cancer.

Family members pronounced his name "Morris," even though it was spelled Maurice. He was born to Dennis Stuckey and Herma Rupp, who raised him in the rural Pettisville.

On June 15, 1947, Mr. Stuckey married Ilva Schrock in Midland, Mich. They have six surviving children, Karen (Glen) Grieser of Hamilton, Ind.; Sandra (Bill) Fordley of Fort Worth, Texas; Debra (John) Leininger of Fayette, Ohio; Michael (Cheryl) Stuckey of Fremont; Randall (Sandra) Stuckey of Archbold; and Denise (Doug) Johnson of Fremont. Also surviving are eleven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren, and three stepsisters and their families.

Ilva said when she met her husband through family members, there never was a doubt they wouldn't get married. "He said, 'The first time I saw your mother, she was the most beautiful woman in the world and still is,'" Denise Johnson, one of Mr. Stuckey's daughters said. "Family and trips were always first. He made sure we got what we needed. He didn't have a selfish bone in his body."

Johnson said family and trips were big with her father. But his sense of humor always stood out. "We went out West and he had (someone) believing in jackalope milk," Johnson said. "Friends always said, 'We're jealous of you. We want your parents. They never yelled at you in front of your friends.'"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Maurice, standing, and Ilva Stuckey, were partners for 64 years in marriage and on the open road as a truck-driving team. Maurice died Sept. 8 from cancer.

Most of his adult life, Mr. Stuckey worked as an over-the-road truck driver for Electra hauling insulation and had the distinction of driving more than 2 million miles without an accident. For that feat, he was honored. Ilva usually joined her husband on the open road, since both worked for Electra, and she helped him get that honor. "In the 1970s, women weren't supposed to drive," Ilva said. "CBers harassed me. I slept during the day and drove at night by choice. He was called a Mennonite with a crew cut."

Ilva said she eventually started calling herself "Lady Electra," but she went on several long trips with her husband because the pay was decent and they had a large family.

Following his retirement he assisted his son, Mike, at M&C Trenching and became a part of his new community in Fremont. Family said he had a knack for making people feel welcome, especially a black family, who moved to a predominantly white area.

Ilva recalled her husband didn't like the limelight and never wanted to be first. He always made sure his family was fed first and always thought of others before himself. Even more so, Mr. Stuckey was known for teasing people, but not in a malicious way. "In the hospital, they asked if he had any pain," Ilva said. "He said, 'They're all standing there (as he pointed at his family members).'"

Mr. Stuckey liked taking home movies. He also liked breakfast time and biscuits and gravy. He also enjoyed cooking over an open fire — usually corn on the cob or pork chops.

"I remember dad as a caring dad, always there when we needed him," Deb Leininger, one of his daughters, said. "We didn't have a lot of money, but you would never have known it from dad. I remember Sundays were always family day. We played games or went to someone's house to play kickball."

Leininger said one Christmas, the holiday was placed on hold because her parents were out helping a family get medicine for their sick child. But the Stuckey family home was always open to anyone in need and it bustled with activity.

"Dad was always there when I needed him and no job was too big or too small for him," said one of his daughters, Sandi Fordley. "My children knew when grandpa spoke — that was the law — and he never raised a hand to them."

Church was a major part of his life. At a young age, Mr. Stuckey was a member of the West Clinton Mennonite Church. Eventually, he taught Sunday school for many years. His current membership was with the Fremont Community Church, where he served as an elder. "My dad lived for his churches," Leininger said. "No matter what town he lived in, he found a church to suit his needs and put his whole heart in serving the Lord. His life reflected on that through the way he lived and the way he loved mom and his kids."

Memorials are requested to the Fremont Community Church.

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John Martin Smith will be missed beyond words

To the editor:

On that fateful day of Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2011, at 3 p.m., John Martin Smith's last words to me were, "I'm going to Indianapolis this evening for two days, but I'll call you Saturday. Bobbie and I will be over to your house Monday evening to review our Ghost Town project."

We had been working that afternoon north of Fort Wayne with NATMUS director Don Grogg and three others from the museum. We were transferring automotive books to the museum. The books were donated by an estate that John was overseeing.

In all of our meetings we never said goodbye to each other. It was always, "See ya." Little was I to know that I was to lose my best friend in four hours.

Although I have known John Martin for over 50 years, our relationship began over five years ago when he asked if I would help him with his book, "Waterloo Centennial." After this project I became his photographer for most of his projects. Since then I have taken over 2,000 pictures for our various projects.

Our collaboration involving various history projects quickly grew into a personal relationship. We began having lunch together on a regular basis. John would always have some location in the county that he wanted to show me, so we had many memorable rides throughout DeKalb County.

We had many intimate conversations about people, politics and religion. Most of our conversations would end up talking about our grandchildren. John Martin's top priority was his family, followed by friends and work. I admired John's personality. He had a great sense of humor, was low keyed and took his time to make very wise decisions. He saw the good side of every person that he knew.

John Martin was the brother that I never had. I will miss him beyond words. Perhaps as a tribute, I will finish some of the projects that are unfinished.

William L. Lock
Auburn

William Rucker

AUBURN — William C. Rucker, 82, of Auburn, died Friday Oct. 7, 2011 at Laurels of DeKalb in Butler, Ind.

Mr. Rucker retired in 1991 after 25 years at General Electric.

Mr. Rucker

He was a member of the GE Quarter Century Club, Hicksville Eagles Aerie 2556.

He was born on April 16, 1929 in Champaign County, Ohio, the son of the late William E. and Josephine (Hart) Rucker. On March 25, 1950, he was united in marriage with Lola Davis and she survives.

Also surviving, in addition to his wife, are: four daughters; Cynthia "Diann" (Walt Snyder) Dull of Auburn, Susan (Dennis) Hoover of Spencerville, Ind., Sandra (Ron) Czaja, Juli (Fred) DeLaCruz, all of Butler; eight grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; two step grandchildren; a sister, Mary Louise (Carl) Verro of Auburn; and a brother, Robert (Sharon) Rucker of Columbia City.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2011, at 11:00 a.m. at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, Ohio, with Pastor Kevin Marsh of the Butler United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Newville Cemetery.

Visitation will be Monday, Oct. 10, 2011, from 2:00-5:00 and 6:00-8:00 p.m. with an Eagles service at 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home and one hour prior to the service on Tuesday.

Memorials may be made to Shop with a Cop.

Online condolences may be shared at www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com.

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Jeramy Cassady

AUBURN — Jeramy David Cassady, 38, of Los Angeles, Calif., formerly of Auburn, died Saturday, Sept. 24, 2011, in Hollywood Presbyterian Hospital in Los Angeles, Calif., due to complications associated with cancer.

He was a writer and worked at Cafe La Boheme in West Hollywood, Calif. He enjoyed modeling, travel, hiking, running, health and fitness and his family.

Mr. Cassady

On Oct. 30, 1972, in Auburn, he was born to Greg and Pam (Chalfant) Cassady. They survive.

Also surviving are: a brother, Tyson L. (Janelle) Cassady of Pleasant Lake, Ind.; a sister, Megan Williford of Auburn; maternal grandparents, Jeannie (Cassady) Gehring of Auburn, and Dr. John M. Chalfant of Auburn; a niece, Jhurmi Cassady; and three nephews, Airoh Cassady, Jhude Cassady and Xzavier Williford.

Preceding him in death were: a parent, Jack D. Wren; a grandparent, Ruth (Wren) Colstock; a grandparent, Clair R. Wren; a grandparent, Beverly Frankville; and a grandparent, William H. Cassady.

A Celebration of Life service will be at a later date.

Memorials are to the family of Greg and Pam Cassady, 3610 C.R. 39, Auburn IN 46706.

Leslie Janes

HOWE — Leslie W. Janes, 61, of Howe died Thursday, Oct. 6, 2011, at 3 p.m. at his residence.

A private viewing will be held for the family.

A graveside service will be held today at 2 p.m. at the Brushy Chapel Cemetery, LaGrange, with pastor Clarence Combs officiating. A celebration of life dinner for Leslie will be held immediately following at the Stroh Fire Department.

Memorials are to the Janes family. Arrangements are by Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Emma Lambright

WARSAW — Emma A. Lambright, 84, of Warsaw, formerly of Topeka, died at 12:55 pm on Saturday, October 8, 2011 at Millers Merry Manor, Warsaw.

She was born on September 10, 1927.

Arrangements are pending at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

Glenn Bogner

AUBURN — Glenn R. Bogner, 69, of Auburn, died Friday Oct. 7, 2011 at his residence.

Arrangements pending at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Clarence Schmuck

KENDALLVILLE — Clarence Schmuck, 93, died Saturday, Oct. 8, 2011 at the Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center.

Funeral services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Dennis Mast

GOSHEN — Dennis Jay Mast, 35, of Goshen, died at 5:08 pm on Friday, Oct. 7, 2011, as the result of a construction accident in Shipshewana.

Visitation will be after 2:00 pm on Sunday, Oct. 9, 2011, and all Monday, Oct. 10, 2011, at his residence, 13841 St. Rd. 13, Goshen.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2011, at the Lloyd Yoder residence, 13468 St. Rd. 4 Goshen. Services will be conducted by Bishop Marvin Kauffman and home ministers. Burial will be in Thomas Cemetery, Goshen.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

Catherine Beerman

CHURUBUSCO — Catherine Beerman Avery, 88, of Churubusco, died at 7:35 p. m. Friday, Oct. 7, 2011, at the Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. She had been in declining health for some time.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p. m. on Thursday, Oct. 13, 2011, at Ege Catholic Cemetery in Noble County with Rev. Danney Pinto, pastor of St. John Bosco Catholic Church, officiating. Interment will follow.

At the request of the family there will be no calling hours.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of the arrangements.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed for masses at St. John Bosco Catholic Church, 220 N. Main St., Churubusco, IN 46723

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Clarence Schmuck

KENDALLVILLE — Clarence Charles Schmuck, 93, of Kendallville died on Saturday, Oct. 8, 2011, at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center.

Mr. Schmuck

Mr. Schmuck was born in Noble County near Albion on Oct. 4, 1918, to the late Charles and Carrie (Weimer) Schmuck. He graduated from Albion High School in 1936 and married Dalia Virginia Freed on November 16, 1941 in Albion. She preceded his death on Aug. 28, 1999.

Clarence's career in automotive mechanics began in 1941 with the Uhl Oil Company in Kendallville. He also worked for Campbell Chevrolet as a mechanic and service manager. In 1962, he joined with Harold Uhl, and owned and operated the Schmuck & Uhl Garage before he retired in 1985.

Clarence was well known all over the area in the stock-car racing world. He started racing and building stock cars in 1953 and owned multiple championship cars. Many local drivers raced Clarence's cars including Cecil Wells, Howard Bice, Kenny Bodenhafer, Hugh Eshelman, Jesse Yates, Joe Wallace and Mike Kline. He was also a tire distributor for Hoosier Racing Tires.

Clarence was inducted into the Stock Car Racing Hall of Fame at the Avilla Motor Speedway and the Angola Raceway. After 33 years of racing, Clarence retired from the sport in 1986. He enjoyed woodworking and crafts after retirement. He liked watching Western movies and reading Western books.

Naturally, he loved watching NASCAR. He followed Mark Martin's racing team, as Clarence knew Mark when his racing career was getting started in the local area.

Survivors include two sons, LeRoy Schmuck of Kendallville and Daryl and Karen Schmuck of Kendallville; two daughters, Phyllis and Burley Hall of Kendallville and Brenda and Richard Conrad of Albion; three granddaughters, Kelly Wilkinson of Angola, Jennifer Conrad of Westfield, Ind., and Carrie Worthey of Kendallville; a stepgranddaughter, Kendra Smith of Kendallville; a stepgrandson, Patrick Worthey of Kendallville; three great-grandchildren: Kaylee Hall, Audrey Wilkinson and Kenton Wilkinson; and a sister, Gertrude Arnold of Kendallville.

He was also preceded in death by his grandson, Justin Hall, who died Jan. 9, 1975; a stepgrandson, Aric Smith, who died July 12, 1997; brothers, Carl and Walter Schmuck; and sisters, Chelsea Uhl Frehse and Lelia Uhl.

Visitation will be Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2011, from 3-7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, in Kendallville. Funeral services will be Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home. Officiating the funeral service will be the Rev. Sam Weimer. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Clarence by Tuesday at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Emma Lambright

WARSAW — Emma Ann Lambright, 84, of Warsaw and formerly of Topeka, died at 12:55 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, 2011, at Miller's Merry Manor, Warsaw.

Emma had done taxi work for the Amish community and home health care for the Fanning and Yoder families. She was a longtime member of the Woman of the Moose Lodge, Mishawaka, and enjoyed quilting, playing bingo and playing slots.

Mrs. Lambright

She had lived in Warsaw for the past five years with her niece/caretaker, Mary (James) Marsillett.

She was born on Sept. 10, 1927, in North Liberty to Thomas and Olive (Boone) Jarvis. On Nov. 20, 1968, she married Melvin W. Lambright; he died Oct. 27, 1995.

Surviving in addition to her niece are two sisters, Cecilmae "Lucy" Dockery of Warsaw, and Alice Wiskitoni of Lakeville, Ind., and Phoenix, Ariz.; a sister-in-law, Edna Borkholder of Topeka; and a brother-in-law, Orva Lambright of Goshen.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; three sisters, Kate Gall, Whelmina Bean and Mildred Holderead; two brothers, Joe and Lowell Wayne Jarvis; two sisters-in-law, Mary Knepp, and Rosa Hochstetler; and a brother-in-law, Ervin Lambright.

Visitation will be from 9-11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2011, at Maple Grove Church, 806 S. Main St., Topeka. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. also on Wednesday at the church. Services will be conducted by Dr. Mark Fishburn. Burial will be in Hawpatch Cemetery, Topeka.

Memorials may be given to a charity of the donor's choice. Online condolences may be sent at millerstewart-funeralhome.com.

Glenn Bogner

AUBURN — Glenn R. Bogner, 69, of Auburn, died Friday, Oct. 7, 2011, at his residence.

He was born June 22, 1942, to the late Melvin and Editha Bogner. He was a 1960 graduate of Albion Jefferson High School and was a U.S. Navy petty officer, 3rd class.

He is survived by a brother, Earlin Bogner of West Lafayette and a sister, Virginia Bogner, of Fort Wayne; two nephews; one niece; and eight great-nieces and -nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Raymond and Harry Bogner; and a sister, Mary Muesing.

Memorial services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. with calling one hour prior at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

To sign the online guest book or to leave a condolence, visit www.pinnington-mccomb.com.

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Naomi Claudy

MONTGOMERY, Mich. — Naomi J. Claudy, 60, died Saturday, Oct. 8, 2011, at home.

She was born July 1, 1951, in Coldwater, Mich., to Gene and Inez (Jones) Gipple. Naomi owned Gulf Coast Cleaning in Ocean Springs, Miss. She married Brett Claudy on Nov. 14, 1997, in Salem Center; he survives.

Mrs. Claudy

Also surviving are one son, James (Pam) Coleman of Quincy, Mich.; five daughters. Angela (James) Daughtry of Ocean Springs, Paula (Barry) Young of Montgomery, Mich., Stacey (Rich) Lee of Coldwater, Mich., Amy (Jason) Vanderpool of Montgomery, and Amber (Mike) Clark of Ocean Springs; three brothers, Larry Gipple, Tim Gipple and Michael Gipple, all of Ray, Mich.; her mother Inez Gipple of Ray; 52 grandchildren; and one great grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her father, Gene Gipple, and a brother, Terry Gipple.

Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola. Calling will be one hour prior to services. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to the family.

Betty Shaffer

KENDALLVILLE — Betty Jean Shaffer, 87, passed away Sunday, Oct. 9, 2011, at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

Born in Terre Haute, Betty worked as a secretary with Fort Wayne Community Schools for 10 years. She graduated from Gerstmeyer High School and Brown College, Terre Haute. She was a member of Order Eastern Star 43, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority and Waynedale United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Shaffer

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, Clarence and Mamie (Hershfield) Coy; husband, Herman O. Shaffer in 1972; one granddaughter, Carolyn; and five brothers.

Surviving are a son, Larry (Barbara) Shaffer of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Carol (Martin) Huelsenbeck of Kendallville and Donna Shaffer of Waynedale; seven grandchildren, Sara (Matt) Logar, Janet (Ryan) Walker, Hans (Carrie) Huelsenbeck, Heidi (Kevin) Jackson, Karl (Kara) Huelsenbeck, Ryan (Alicia) Shaffer, and Katherine Pea; four great-grandchildren, Payton, Ryan, Jack, Evan; and anticipated the birth of two more great-grandchildren.

Services are at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2011, at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with calling two hours prior, and the Rev. Mike Harris officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

Memorials may be made to Waynedale United Methodist Church or to the American Heart Association. To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

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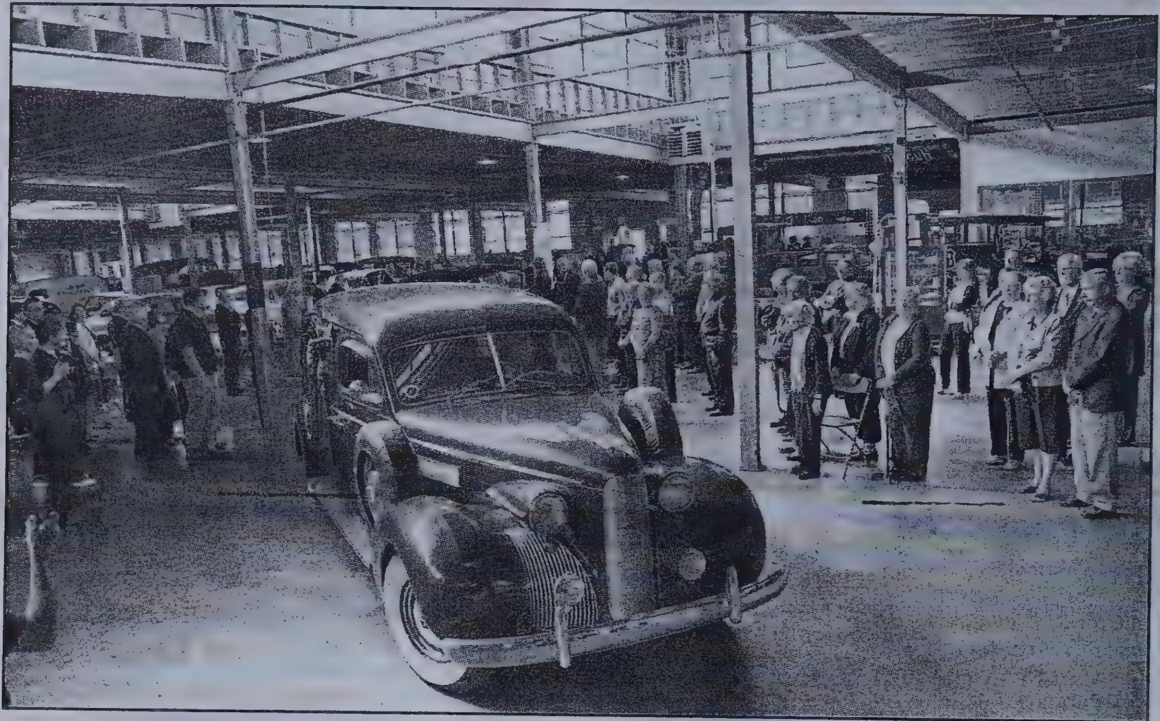
Final Farewell



CHAD KLINE

As mourners watch, two antique hearses snake through the National Automotive and Truck Museum of the United States in Auburn Monday afternoon. They carry the bodies of John Martin Smith and his wife, Bobbie, who led the restoration of the historic building. A 1939 LaSalle hearse owned by a Fort Wayne collector leads, followed by a 1960 Cadillac hearse owned by Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn.

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Auburn says goodbye to Smiths

BY DAVE KURTZ
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AUBURN — The final journey for John Martin Smith and his wife, Bobbie, began in one historic building they helped save and passed through another.

A funeral for the Auburn couple began in the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum, rescued in the early 1970s under the Smiths' leadership.

After 90 minutes of remembering the Smiths' lives, mourners walked next door to the National Automotive and Truck Museum, preserved by the couple's efforts over the past 20-plus years.

A pair of antique hearses carried the Smiths through the narrow aisles of the second museum as mourners watched under the building's skylights. Family members walked behind the hearses and others filed in behind.

A parade of 17 vintage automobiles, most of them Auburns and Cords, then led the hearses to Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn. Some of the Smiths' children and grandchildren rode in the family's 1919 and 1926 Auburn cars.

John Martin Smith, 72, and Bobbie Smith, 71, died Wednesday in a car-semi collision on I-69 north of Marion. Mr. Smith had planned Tuesday's funeral service 15 years earlier.

The Rev. Mitchell Kruse spoke at their funeral in the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum's main ballroom. He told mourners how the Smiths — he from Butler and she from Plainfield — met at a sorority-fraternity dance at Indiana University in Bloomington.

In 1965 they moved to Auburn, "a community that

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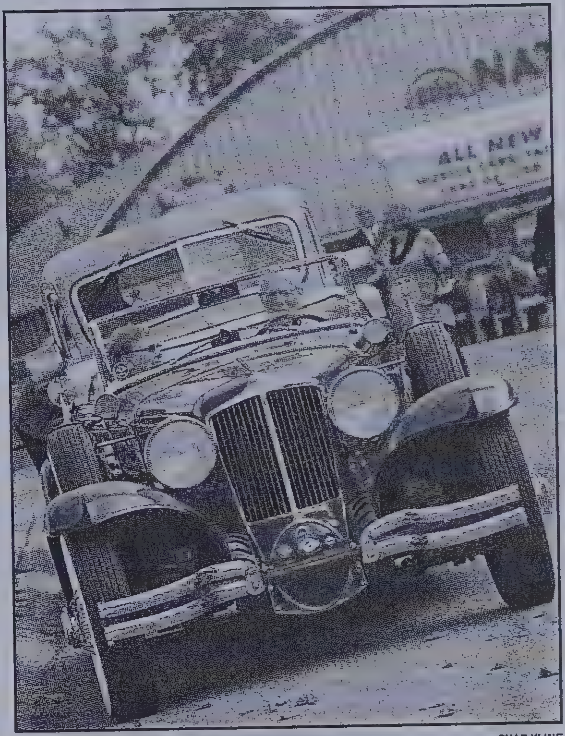

CHAD KLINE

Mike and Joan Huffman of Hudsonville, Mich., drive their 1931 Cord L-29, leading a procession of classic cars that escorted the late John Martin Smith and Bobbie Smith to Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn for burial Tuesday.

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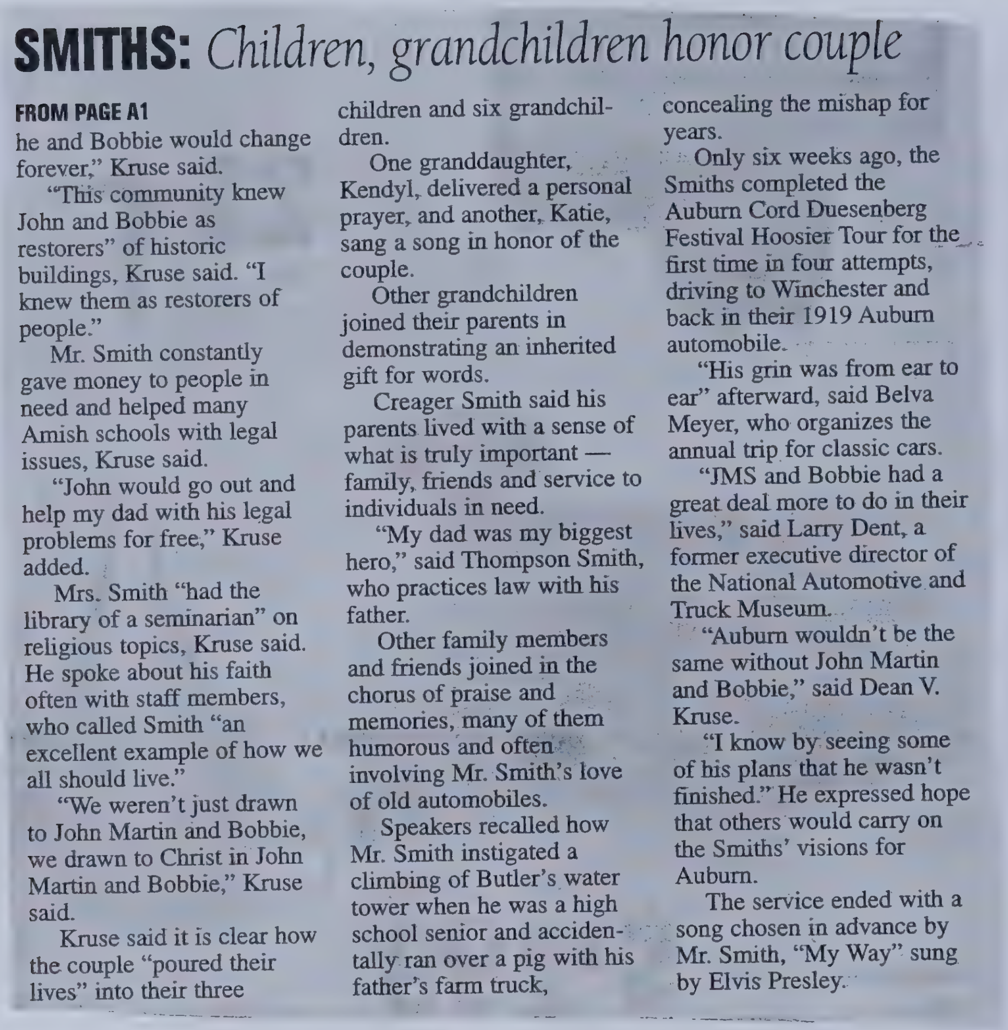

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he and Bobbie would change forever," Kruse said.

"This community knew John and Bobbie as restorers" of historic buildings, Kruse said. "I knew them as restorers of people."

Mr. Smith constantly gave money to people in need and helped many Amish schools with legal issues, Kruse said.

"John would go out and help my dad with his legal problems for free," Kruse added.

Mrs. Smith "had the library of a seminarian" on religious topics, Kruse said. He spoke about his faith often with staff members, who called Smith "an excellent example of how we all should live."

"We weren't just drawn to John Martin and Bobbie, we drawn to Christ in John Martin and Bobbie," Kruse said.

Kruse said it is clear how the couple "poured their lives" into their three children and six grandchildren.

One granddaughter, Kendyl, delivered a personal prayer, and another, Katie, sang a song in honor of the couple.

Other grandchildren joined their parents in demonstrating an inherited gift for words.

Creager Smith said his parents lived with a sense of what is truly important — family, friends and service to individuals in need.

"My dad was my biggest hero," said Thompson Smith, who practices law with his father.

Other family members and friends joined in the chorus of praise and memories, many of them humorous and often involving Mr. Smith's love of old automobiles.

Speakers recalled how Mr. Smith instigated a climbing of Butler's water tower when he was a high school senior and accidentally ran over a pig with his father's farm truck, concealing the mishap for years.

Only six weeks ago, the Smiths completed the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Festival Hoosier Tour for the first time in four attempts, driving to Winchester and back in their 1919 Auburn automobile.

"His grin was from ear to ear" afterward, said Belva Meyer, who organizes the annual trip for classic cars.

"JMS and Bobbie had a great deal more to do in their lives," said Larry Dent, a former executive director of the National Automotive and Truck Museum.

"Auburn wouldn't be the same without John Martin and Bobbie," said Dean V. Kruse.

"I know by seeing some of his plans that he wasn't finished." He expressed hope that others would carry on the Smiths' visions for Auburn.

The service ended with a song chosen in advance by Mr. Smith, "My Way" sung by Elvis Presley.

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Man killed by train

FROM STAFF REPORTS

SYRACUSE — A Kosciusko County man died Sunday after he was truck by a freight train while walking along the CSX Railroad tracks near Syracuse.

The Kosciusko County Sheriff's Department identified the victim as Daniel Garza Jr., 21, of Enchanted Hills.

Deputies and Kosciusko County EMS crews responded to the area of C.R. 1250 North and the Bishop Road railroad crossing just after 12:30 p.m. They were alerted by CSX Railroad personnel that a person had been struck by one of their trains.

CAR CRASH VICTIM *condition upgraded; one still critical.* **SEE PAGE A6.**

Police found Garza's body near the tracks. The Kosciusko County Coroner's Office pronounced Garza dead at the scene from blunt-force trauma to his head and upper body.

The train engineer and conductor told police that Garza was walking west on the south edge of the tracks before being struck.

The engineer told police he tried to slow the train and attempted to alert Garza using the train's bell and whistle.

Garza was walking approximately 2,000 feet east of the Bishop Road crossing.

Enchanted Hills is a subdivision in Kosciusko County between Cromwell and Syracuse. Its residents have Cromwell addresses; some residents attend West Noble schools and others attend Wawasee schools.

Garza moved to the Syracuse area in 1992 from Texas and attended Wawasee schools. He was formerly employed with Lippert Components in Goshen.

An investigation into the fatal accident is continuing.

Funeral arrangements for Mr. Garza are being handled by Owen Funeral Home of Syracuse.

Goshen man dies at construction site

SHIPSHEWANA — A Goshen man died as the result of a residential home construction accident Friday near Shipshewana, the LaGrange County Sheriff's Department said.

Dennis Mast of rural Goshen was part of a construction crew removing old insulation from a building at 6825 West C.R. 450N, police said. Mast fell into a large hole filled with blown insulation at approximately 4:53 p.m. and was unable to get himself out.

Emergency personnel removed Mast from about 5 feet of insulation and performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation for several minutes. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

LaGrange County Coroner Bruce Coney said his office was waiting for results of an autopsy performed over the weekend in Fort Wayne before he could determine cause and manner of death.

The Shipshewana Police Department and Shipshewana Fire Department assisted medics at the scene.

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William Rucker

Mr. Rucker

AUBURN — William C. Rucker, 82, of Auburn, died Friday Oct. 7, 2011 at Laurels of DeKalb in Butler, Ind.

Mr. Rucker retired in 1991 after 25 years at General Electric.

He was a member of the GE Quarter Century Club and the Hicksville Eagles Aerie 2556.

He was born on April 16, 1929, in Champaign County, Ohio, to William E. and Josephine (Hart) Rucker. On March 25, 1950, he was united in marriage with Lola Davis and she survives.

Also surviving are a son, Daniel of Auburn; four daughters, Cynthia "Diann" (Walt Snyder) Dull of Auburn, Susan (Dennis) Hoover of Spencerville, Ind., Sandra (Ron) Czaja, and Juli (Fred) DeLaCruz, all of Butler; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; a sister, Mary Louise (Carl) Verro of Auburn; and a brother, Robert (Sharon) Rucker of Columbia City.

Funeral services will be today Tuesday, Oct. 11 at 11 a.m. at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, Ohio, with Pastor Kevin Marsh of the Butler United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Newville Cemetery.

Visitation was Monday one hour prior to the service today.

Memorials may be made to Shop with a Cop.

Online condolences may be shared at www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com.

Calvin Frech

HELMER — Calvin J. Frech, 81, of Acworth, Ga., died Monday, Sept. 26, 2011, in Acworth.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Helmer United Methodist Church, 7530 S.R. 327, Helmer.

Memorials are to Helmer United Methodist Church.

Daniel Garza Jr.

SYRACUSE — Daniel "D.J." Garza Jr., 21, of Cromwell died Sunday, Oct. 9, 2011, as a result of a train/pedestrian accident in Syracuse.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at Owen Family Funeral Home, 1001 S. Huntington St., Syracuse. A rosary service will take place at 7:45 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 300 Ravine Park Drive, Ligonier. Burial will follow at the Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorials are to Daniel Garza Jr. funeral fund, c/o Owen Family Funeral Home.

Envelopes will be available at the funeral home and church.

To send condolences to the family in Mr. Garza's memory please visit www.owenfamilyfuneralhome.com

Ann Barrett

CHURUBUSCO — Ann R. Barrett, 94, of Churubusco, passed away at 3:50 p.m. on Sunday, October 9, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne following a brief illness.

A celebration of life will be held 2-5 p.m. Sunday in the fellowship hall of Churubusco United Methodist Church.

There will be no calling or formal services.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, is in charge of arrangements.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the Wounded Warriors Project, in care of Gilbert Davis American Legion Post 157.

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Coroner: Suffocation caused worker's death

BY MATT GETTS
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SHIPSHEWANA — Officials say a Goshen man died of suffocation when he fell into a large hole filled with blown insulation Friday.

Dennis Mast of rural Goshen was part of a construction crew removing old insulation from a building at 6825 West C.R. 450N, police said. Mast fell into a large hole filled with blown insulation at approximately 4:53 p.m. and was unable to get himself out.

Emergency personnel removed Mast from about 5 feet of insulation and performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation for several minutes. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Based on findings of an autopsy conducted at the St. Joseph Hospital Forensics Center, LaGrange County Coroner Bruce Coney preliminarily ruled Mast's death to be accidental from asphyxiation due to suffocation. Pieces of insulation lodged in Mast's airway, making it impossible for him to breath.

A final determination on cause and manner of death won't be made until the final autopsy report is completed in four to six weeks, Coney said.

Christian Miller

SHIPSHEWANA — Christian L. Miller, 99, of Shipshewana died Monday, October 10, 2011, at his residence.

Visitation will be after 1 p.m. today and all day Thursday at his residence, 5020 N. S.R. 5, Shipshewana.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday also at his residence. Burial will be in East Barren Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

Betty Fritz

KENDALLVILLE — Betty L. "Beanie" Fritz, 88, died Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2011, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Funeral services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Analee Jones

LAGRANGE — Analee Jones, 82, died Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2011 at 3:35 p.m. at Parkview LaGrange Hospital, LaGrange. Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

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Yolanda Caccamo

Mrs. Caccamo

FORT WAYNE — Yolanda L. "Londi Gigli" Caccamo, 86, passed away Monday, October 10, 2011, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Born in Fort Wayne where she lived for 44 years before moving to Angola, Yolanda was the co-owner with her loving husband of 52 years of Doc Caccamo's Pizzaria, Italian and American Cuisine in Fort Wayne and Angola.

She was a resident of Cameron Woods (Assisted Living) in Angola.

She was a member of St. Anthony's Rosary Society.

Mrs. Caccamo enjoyed cooking, bingo, playing cards and loved spending time with the grandchildren.

Surviving are her son, Ron (Vickie) Caccamo of Fort Wayne; her daughters, Kathleen (Lyndon) Tucker and Donna (John) Tagtmeyer, both of Angola; 13 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Yolanda was preceded in death by her parents, Enrico Gigli and Antonia Gigli; her brothers, Louis, John, and Henry; and her sisters, Loraine Mozzone, Theresa Maddalone, Matilda Lombardo and Ida Simioni.

Mass of Christian Burial is Saturday October 15, 2011, at 11 a.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church with calling one hour prior. Father Frederick Pasche will officiate.

Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne at 2:30 p.m. Saturday.

Calling also Friday at D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., from 4-7 p.m.

Memorials may be made to the St. Anthony's Church Building Fund or Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

James Johnston Sr.

Mr. Johnston

AUBURN — James H. Johnston Sr., 72, of Auburn died Tuesday, October 11, 2011, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Mr. Johnston retired from International Harvester in Fort Wayne.

He was a member of the St. Marks Lutheran Church in Auburn.

He was born Sept. 25, 1939, in Butler to Harry and Lerah (Cole) Johnston.

He married Bonnie L. (Prewett) Cobbs on June 23, 1975, in Waterloo, and she survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, James H. Johnston Jr. of Wayland, Mich., and Rick A. and Michelle L. Johnston of Garrett; two daughters and sons-in-law, Jennifer L. and Paul A. Warfield of Garrett, and Crystal L. and Justin J. Maurer of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and a sister and brother-in-law, Anna and Art Kura of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Jerry L. Johnston; and two half sisters, Othilda Gibson and Laura Ernest.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Stephen Kummernuss officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday prior to the service.

Memorials may be directed to the St. Marks Lutheran Church, 211 W. Ninth St., Auburn, IN 46706.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com

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Doma Braley

LIBERTY CENTER, Ohio — Doma Louise Braley, 85, of Liberty Center, Ohio, passed away peacefully at her home on Monday, October 10, 2011.

Doma was born in Steubenville, Ohio, to the late Joseph and Hanna (Myers) Bell. She married William F. Braley on September 21, 1952, and he preceded her in death.

Doma is survived by her daughter, Lacie Braley of Blue Ash, Ohio; her sons, Bob (Barb) Braley of Avilla, Indiana; Doug (Becki) Braley of Liberty Center, and Brian (Pam) Braley of Liberty Center; six grandchildren, Joe (Amy) of Grand Rapids, Ohio, Jamie Braley, Brittany Braley of Liberty Center, Ohio, Lis Braley of Grand Rapids, Mich., Ian Braley of Avilla and Kenneth Braley of Avilla; and one great-granddaughter, Harley of Bowling Green, Ohio. Doma is also survived by her lifelong friends of the "4 Roses" Ariel, Jan and Myrt.

Along with her parents and husband, Doma was preceded in death by her brothers, Joe, Jim and Ronnie Bell and her baby sister.

Doma was a homemaker and loved spending time with her family and friends.

She was a member of the Liberty Center United Methodist Church, where she was a member of the Women's Society. She was also a member of the Union Rebekah Lodge of Liberty Center, Ohio.

Doma also attended the Independence United Methodist Church, where her son Bob preached for several years, and where she developed many life long friends.

Friends and family will be received at the Wright-Habegger Funeral Home, 24084 W. Second St., Grand Rapids, Ohio, on Thursday, October 13, 2011, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

Funeral services will be held Friday, October 14, 2011, at 11 a.m. in the Independence United Methodist Church, 9966 Adam Ridge Road, Independence, Ohio. Interment will follow in the Independence Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be gifted in Doma's honor to the Henry County Hospital.

On-line condolences, as well as fond memories, may be shared at www.wright-habegger.com

Connie Smith

Mrs. Smith

LIGONIER — Connie L. Smith, age 72, of Ligonier, Ind., passed away on Monday, October 10, 2011, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born on May 8, 1939, to Ernie and Gladys (DeBolt) Cripe in Whitley County, Ind. On September 5, 1958, she married Eldon Smith. He survives.

Connie graduated from Ligonier High School in 1957.

She co-owned and operated E-T Auto Parts with her husband for over 28 years.

She was a member of Stone's Hill Community Church.

Connie is survived by her husband, Eldon Smith of Ligonier; a daughter, Julie Reed; two sons, Dave (Wendy) Smith of Ligonier and Tom Smith of Kendallville; six grandchildren, Andrew (Abby) Reed of Ligonier, Bryan (Julie) Reed of Cromwell, Sarah (Joe) Vargas of Fort Wayne, Kate (Jon) Penny of Fairbanks, Alaska, and Megan and Shane Smith of Kendallville; four great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Richard (Lois) Cripe of Fort Wayne, and Terry (Sally) Cripe of Syracuse.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sons, Jeffrey and Gary Smith; and two brothers, Ernie Cripe Jr. and Jack Cripe.

A funeral service will be held in Mrs. Smith's honor on Friday, October 14, 2011, at Stone's Hill Community Church at 10 a.m. with Pastor Joey Nelson officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

A time of visitation will be held on Thursday, October 13, 2011, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the church.

Memorial contributions are to the Brandon A. Replogle Scholarship Fund, 1599 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN 46767.

Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is assisting the family with arrangements.

To view an online video tribute, sign the guestbook, or send an online condolence to the family visit www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

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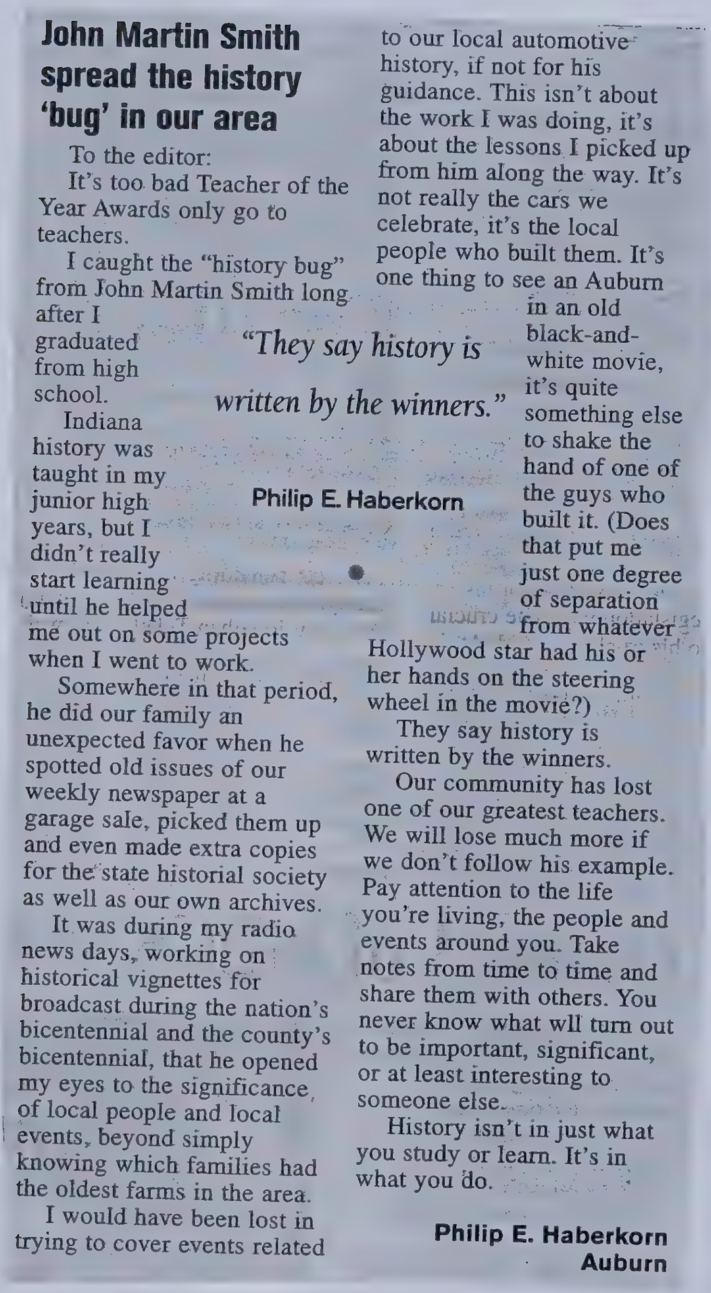

John Martin Smith spread the history 'bug' in our area

To the editor:

It's too bad Teacher of the Year Awards only go to teachers.

I caught the "history bug" from John Martin Smith long after I graduated from high school.

> *"They say history is written by the winners."*
>
> **Philip E. Haberkorn**

Indiana history was taught in my junior high years, but I didn't really start learning until he helped me out on some projects when I went to work.

Somewhere in that period, he did our family an unexpected favor when he spotted old issues of our weekly newspaper at a garage sale, picked them up and even made extra copies for the state historical society as well as our own archives.

It was during my radio news days, working on historical vignettes for broadcast during the nation's bicentennial and the county's bicentennial, that he opened my eyes to the significance of local people and local events, beyond simply knowing which families had the oldest farms in the area.

I would have been lost in trying to cover events related to our local automotive history, if not for his guidance. This isn't about the work I was doing, it's about the lessons I picked up from him along the way. It's not really the cars we celebrate, it's the local people who built them. It's one thing to see an Auburn in an old black-and-white movie, it's quite something else to shake the hand of one of the guys who built it. (Does that put me just one degree of separation from whatever Hollywood star had his or her hands on the steering wheel in the movie?)

They say history is written by the winners.

Our community has lost one of our greatest teachers. We will lose much more if we don't follow his example. Pay attention to the life you're living, the people and events around you. Take notes from time to time and share them with others. You never know what wll turn out to be important, significant, or at least interesting to someone else.

History isn't in just what you study or learn. It's in what you do.

Philip E. Haberkorn
Auburn

ALBION NEW ERA
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Noble County crash kills Harlan motorcyclist, injures passenger

A motorcycle-pickup truck accident near Merriam left a man dead and his passenger badly injured Wednesday, October 6.

Kimloy J. Snell, 50, of Harlan, was pronounced dead at the scene after his motorcycle crashed at the intersection of county roads 100 E and 400 S, according to the Indiana State Police. His wife, 51 year old Kimberly Snell, was listed in critical condition as of Thursday morning. Police say neither was wearing a helmet.

The driver of the pickup truck, 50 year old Dennis L. Gass of Albion, reportedly refused medical treatment at the scene.

Snell was northbound at just before 8:30 p.m. when he apparently ran a stop sign and collided with Gaff's 1993 Chevy pickup truck, which was proceeding westbound through the intersection and wasn't required to stop. Police say alcohol may have been a factor in the crash, which remains under investigation.

Kimberly Snell was reportedly unconscious at the scene. Firefighters set up a landing zone in a nearby hay field for the Samaritan helicopter, which airlifted her to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Another motorcyclist on the scene, who was not involved in the accident but who was reportedly accompanying the cycle that was, might face an Operating While Intoxicated charge but has not yet been arrested, according to reports.

The Chevy pickup truck, which went off the road into a ditch, and Snell's 2006 Harley Davidson motorcycle were both heavily damaged in the impact.

Units assisting at the scene of the crash include the Indiana State Police, Churubusco and Noble Township Fire Departments, Noble and Whitley County EMS, Samaritan Helicopter, Noble County Coroner's Office, and Albion Police Department.

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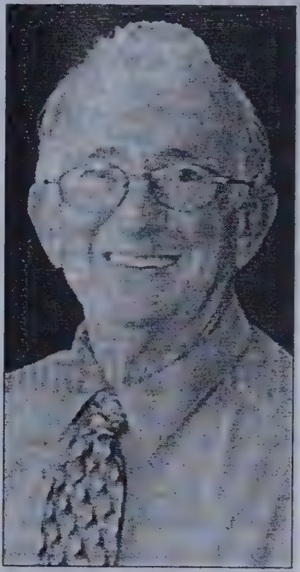
James A. Caupp, 74



James A. Caupp, 74, a former resident of Churubusco, passed away at 1:05 p.m. on Thursday, October 5, 2011 at the Towne House Retirement Center in Fort Wayne, where he had resided for the past seven years. Although he had been in declining health, he had only been seriously ill since Friday.

Mr. Caupp was born in Union City, Indiana on October 21, 1936, a son of Kenneth Lloyd and Ava (Frazier) Caupp. He spent his formative years in Muncie and moved to Blue Lake in 1951. He graduated from Churubusco High School in 1954, and as a young man served with the U.S. Army.

On November 1, 1958 he was married in Albion to M. Fay Wilson, and spent most of his adult life in Churubusco. A former employee of G. I. Case in Churubusco, International Harvester in Fort Wayne, and Borg Warner in Auburn, he had been employed as a machinist at Dana Corporation in Fort Wayne for 28 years, retiring from there in 1999.

He was a member of the Gilbert Davis American Legion Post 157 in Churubusco, and since living at the Towne House Retirement Center, had been active as a volunteer there.

Mrs. Caupp preceded him in death on July 18, 1998.

The surviving relatives include his daughters Carolyn (Terry) Byrd of Churubusco and Diana (Chad) Parent of Fort Wayne; two step-daughters, Marsha Shappell of Holiday, FL and Sandy (Clifford "Dutch") Parks of Weatherford, TX; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by two infant children William Caupp and Becky Caupp; and by his sister Mary Jones.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, October 9, 2011, in the chapel of the Towne House Retirement Community, 2209 St. Joe Center Road, with Chaplain Douglas Vogel, officiating.

Interment was in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Gilbert Davis American Legion Post 157, 115 S. Main St., Churubusco, IN 46723; or to Children's Hope, 7922 W. Jefferson Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46804.

To leave an online condolence for the family in Mr. Caupp's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net

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Maynard Peterson, 83

Maynard E. Peterson, 83, of rurual Albion, died unexpectedly Sunday, October 2, 2011 at 7:21 AM in the Emergency Room of the Parkview Noble Community Hospital in Kendallville.

Maynard was born on June 6, 1928 in Worth County, Iowa to Gilbert and Alvina (Lau) Peterson. On April 26, 1952 he married Maxine Householder of Avilla at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla. She preceded him in death on May 31, 2011.

Maynard worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad as a block signal operator and retired from Conrail. Since 1957, he also farmed on the family farm in Jefferson Township.

He was a Veteran of the United States Navy.

He enjoyed bird watching, collecting antiques and most of all being with his grandchildren.

Maynard is survived by three daughters, Rebecca (Douglas) Gaff, of Rolling Prairie, IN, Susan Peterson of Albion, and Christy (Momodoa) Ceesay of St. Paul, Minnesota; five grandchildren, Clarissa (Steven Miller) Gaff of St. Louis, Peter Gaff of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Brendan Gaff of Portland, Oregon, and Jamila and Omar Ceesay of St. Paul; his twin sister, Marjorie Grigutis of Munster, Indiana, and three other sisters, Dorothy Dempewolf of Denver, Genevieve Kirsch of Albert Lea, Minnesota, and Phyllis Cordera of Calumet City, Illinois; six brothers, Arnold Peterson, Gordon (Linda) Peterson of Glenville, Minnesota, Gaylord (Darlene) Peterson, Norman (Connie) Peterson of Albert Lea; Lemoine (Pat) Peterson of Hastings, Minnesota, and Palmer (Crystal) Peterson of Twin Lakes, Minnesota.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 59 years, Maxine; his parents; three sisters, Belean Johnson, Loretta Nelson, and Rena Christensen; and two brothers, Arthur Peterson and Harlan Peterson.

A graveside service will be held in December at Sweet Cemetery. Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the National Parkinson Foundation, P.O. Box 5018 Hagerstown, Maryland, 21741-5018 or at www.parkinson.org.

Please go to brazzellfuneralhome.com to send online condolences.

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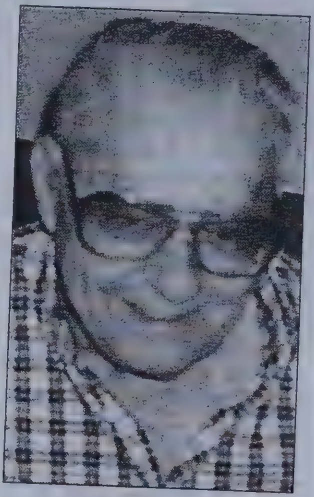
Clarence Schmuck, 93



Clarence Charles Schmuck, age 93, of Kendallville died on Saturday, October 8, 2011 at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center.

Mr. Schmuck was born in Noble County near Albion on October 4, 1918 to the late Charles and Carrie (Weimer) Schmuck.

He graduated from Albion High School in 1936 and married Dalia Virginia Freed on November 16, 1941 in Albion.

She preceded his death on August 28, 1999.

Clarence's career in automotive mechanics began in 1941 with the Uhl Oil Company in Kendallville.

He also worked for Campbell Chevrolet as a mechanic and service manager.

In 1962, he joined with Harold Uhl, and owned and operated the Schmuck & Uhl Garage before he retired in 1985.

Clarence was well known all over the area in the stock car racing world.

He started racing and building stock cars in 1953 and owned multiple championship cars.

Many local drivers raced Clarence's cars including Cecil Wells, Howard Bice, Kenny Bodenhafer, Hugh Eshelman, Jesse Yates, Joe Wallace, and Mike Kline.

He was also a tire distributor for Hoosier Racing Tires.

Clarence was inducted into the Stock Car Racing Hall of Fame at the Avilla Motor Speedway and the Angola Raceway. After 33 years of racing, Clarence retired from the sport in 1986.

He enjoyed woodworking and crafts after retirement.

He liked watching Western movies and reading Western books.

Naturally, he loved watching NASCAR. He followed Mark Martin's racing team, as Clarence knew Mark when his racing career was getting started in the local area.

Survivors include sons, LeRoy Schmuck of Kendallville, Daryl and Karen Schmuck of Kendallville; daughters, Phyllis and Burley Hall of Kendallville, Brenda and Richard Conrad of Albion; three granddaughters, Kelly Wilkinson of Angola, Jennifer Conrad of Westfield, Indiana and Carrie Worthey of Kendallville; step-granddaughter, Kendra Smith of Kendallville; step-grandson, Patrick Worthey of Kendallville; three great-grandchildren, Kaylee Hall, Audrey Wilkinson, Kenton Wilkinson; and sister, Gertrude Arnold of Kendallville

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He was also preceded in death by his grandson, Justin Hall who died January 9, 1975; a step-grandson, Aric Smith who died July 12, 1997; brothers, Carl and Walter Schmuck; and sisters, Chelsea Uhl Frehse and Lelia Uhl.

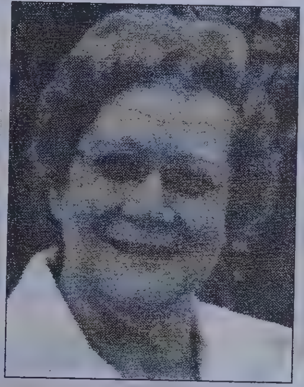
Funeral services were Wednesday, October 12, 2011 at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Sam Weimer.

Burial was at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Esther Marie Berkey, 91



Esther Marie Berkey, age 91, of Fort Wayne, formerly of Ligonier, passed away on October 6, 2011 at St. Anne's Home in Fort Wayne.

She was born on April 21, 1920 to Carl and Esther (Behner) Brumbaugh in Mishawaka, IN. On December 14, 1940 she married Lloyd Berkey. He preceded her in death.

Mrs. Berkey was a 1938 graduate of Mishawaka High School and later became a cook for Ligonier High School. She attended Park Forest Methodist Church in Fort Wayne and liked to play cards. Most of all, she loved her grandchildren and was a wonderful mother and grandmother.

She is survived by three sons, Eldon (Gayle) Berkey of Crest Hill, IL, Larry (Molly) Berkey of Dedham, MA, Dennis (Vicki) Berkey of Fremont, IN; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; two brothers, William and Phil; and two sisters, Ruth Ann and Barbara.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, one brother, and three sisters.

There was a graveside service held in Mrs. Berkey's honor on Monday, October 10, 2011 at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier with Celebrant Larry Baker officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions be directed to St. Anne's Home, 1900 Randalia Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46805

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com

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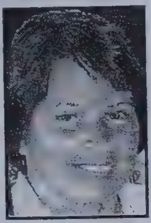
Roberta Sprague

BUTLER — Roberta Lynn (Hart) Sprague, 48, of Butler died Tuesday, October 11, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.


Mrs. Sprague

Mrs. Sprague retired from Cooper Standard in Auburn.

Roberta was a former member of the Women of the Moose Chapter 261 of Auburn and enjoyed donating time to Relay for Life.

She was the world's greatest girl's softball fan. She loved quilting, bingo, and camping. Roberta was a loving mother and grandmother. She was caretaker to her "punkin heads."

She was born Jan. 27, 1963, in Fort Wayne, to Robert LeRoy and Hazel M. (Schaaf) Hart. Her father preceded her in death and her mother survives in Auburn.

She married Larry G. Sprague on Oct. 31, 1998, in Corunna. He survives.

Also surviving are three children, Joshua L. Hart of Kendallville, Kelsey C. Hart of St. Joe, and Drew L. Timmerman of Butler; a grandson, Gauge Hart; a grandson who will arrive in about a week, Hayden Robert Drerup; six sisters and brothers-in-law, Sheila and Larry Hart of Auburn, Peggy and Ron Snyder of Ohio, Sonja and Ty Knecht of North Manchester, Susan and Jr. Shaffer of Ashley, Shelley French of Fort Wayne, and Becky and Randy Deetz of Waterloo; her grandmother, Betty I. Woods of Garrett; her mother-in-law and father-in-law, Jeanette and Gary Hockensmith of Auburn; sisters-in-law and their spouses, Kim and Brian Pierson of Auburn, and Steph and Dean McNamara of Auburn; 25 nieces and nephews; and 33 great-nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father; and paternal grandparents, Raymond and Hazel Hart.

Visitation will be from noon to 7 p.m. Friday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. There will be a private family graveside service held Saturday at Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Cleveland Hope Lodge, 11432 Mayfield Road, Cleveland, Ohio, 44106.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com

Gweyn Walters

AUBURN — Gweyn Walters, 92, of Auburn died Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2011, at her son's home.

Mrs. Walters

Born October 24, 1918, in Heber Springs, Ark., she had worked at Wayne Candies in Fort Wayne for 26 years.

Surviving are a son, Carlos Brooks of Auburn; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. The Rev. Jon Stoltzfus will officiate. Burial will be in Lindenwood, Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2-6 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.pinnington-mccomb.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
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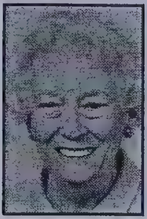
Fredericka Crandell

KENDALLVILLE — Fredericka (Owen) Crandell, 94, of Kendallville died Tuesday, October 11, 2011, at 4:38 p.m. in Lutheran Life Villages, Kendallville.


Mrs. Crandell

Mrs. Crandell was born June 9, 1917, in Washington, D.C., to Richard B. and Fredericka (Smith) Owen. She was a graduate of Western High School and Strayer College. She married James Lerch Crandell in Washington, D.C., in 1939.

She spent many summers on the Chesapeake Bay in Shady Side, Maryland, where her parents had a summer cottage. Fredericka met her husband of 52 years in Shady Side, Maryland, and lived there most of her adult life. She remained in Maryland until moving to Indiana in October 2003.

In her youth, Fredericka "Freddie" loved Girl Scouting and was a member of the DAR. She attended the Presbyterian church as a child. She was an active member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Shady Side and attended Christ Episcopal Church in West River, Maryland, in later years. Freddie was also a member of the Shady Side Rural Heritage Society. She kept beautiful rose gardens and African violets were always in bloom on the kitchen window sills.

She was extremely proud of her Welsh heritage and interested in her family genealogy. In 1994, she and her daughter, Sarah, traveled to Wales and visited her ancestor's homesteads in Maethlon near Aberdovey.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Gwendolyn C. and George C. Klein of Prince Frederick, Maryland, and Sarah and Martin Thomas of Hudson, Indiana; three grandchildren, George C. Klein, II, Cynthia D. Zacharias, and James C. Crandell; and one great-granddaughter, Elizabeth R. Klein.

In addition to her husband, James Lerch Crandell, and her son, Jimmy Lerch Crandell, she was preceded in death by a sister, Frances Taylor, and brothers, Richard B. Owen and George C. Owen.

A celebration of life service will be Saturday, October 15, 2011, at 2:30 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with THE Rev. Kenneth Weaver of the First Presbyterian Church in LaGrange officiating. A private burial will take place at a later date at Christ Episcopal Church, West River, Maryland.

Calling will be Saturday, October 15, 2011, from 1 p.m. until time of service in the funeral home.

The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to Shady Side Rural Heritage Society, P.O. Box 89, Shady Side, MD 20764 or to the First Presbyterian Church, 200 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, IN 46761-1820.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

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Lillian Walters

ELKHART — Lillian Walters, 101, of Elkhart died Monday, Oct. 10, 2011, in Elglewood, Fla.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Waterman Westbrook Clouse Funeral Home in Elkhart. Burial will be in Union Center Cemetery at Nappanee.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the YWCA or First United Methodist Church.

Johnie Conley

ROME CITY — Johnie Conley, 65, of Rome City died Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2011, at his son's home in Michigan.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville.

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James Swartz

AUBURN — James Marvin Swartz, age 61, of Auburn, died on Tuesday, October 11, 2011, at his daughter's residence Avilla.

Mr. Swartz

Mr. Swartz was born in Kendallville on December 28, 1949, to the late Gerald Pete and Lois (Outlaw) Swartz.

He graduated from East Noble High School in 1970.

Jim worked for 38 years at Newnam Foundry in Kendallville until it closed March 2009.

Jim was committed to his family and he loved spending time with his grandkids. He believed in his family and loved going to all of their events. He also attended New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo.

In earlier days and throughout his high school years, Jim was an accomplished Golden Glove boxer.

He was an athletic young man and enjoyed playing all kinds of sports. He especially loved to bowl, play baseball and football. The Chicago Bears and the New York Yankees were his favorite professional teams.

Later in life, Jim coached flag football at the YMCA and he coached Little League Youth Baseball in Kendallville.

He loved fishing and old movies. His father was a WWII veteran and Purple Heart recipient and Jim enjoyed WWII history and movies. He enjoyed building model tanks and planes from the war era.

Survivors include three sons, Seth Swartz and his girlfriend, Jessica Garrett, both of Waterloo, Jake and Lindsey Swartz of Avilla and Drew Swartz of West Lafayette; a daughter, Tracey Swartz of Avilla; five grandchildren, Joseph Kole Swartz, Jebadiah James Swartz, Leah Cecilia Marie Umphrey, Traneisha Nicole Gentry and Traveon Carmello Gentry and two brothers, Krag and Donna Swartz of St. Paul, Minnesota and David and Kathy Swartz of Fort Wayne.

Visitation and memorial services will be held Saturday, October 15, 2011 at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Visitation for family and friends will begin at 10 a.m., with the service at 11 a.m.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Jim by Saturday, October 15, 2011, at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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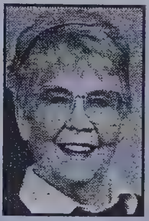
Beanie Fritz

KENDALLVILLE — Beanie Fritz, age 88, of Kendallville died on Tuesday, October 11, 2011, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.


Mrs. Fritz

Betty Louise (Cook) Fritz was born in Wolcottville on October 7, 1923, to the late Harlo C. and Margaret P. (Rogers) Cook.

She graduated from Wolcottville High School in 1940 and married Richard Charles Fritz on August 23, 1941, in the United Methodist Church in Wolcottville. Dick preceded her death on December 12, 2007, after 66 years of faithful marriage.

Beanie was a homemaker and member of the First Christian Church in Kendallville.

She loved reading and tending to her flower gardens, watching Notre Dame football and IU basketball.

She was a charter member of the Delta Theta Tau Sorority, past president of the Elks Ladies Auxiliary and life member of the American Legion Post #86, Ladies Auxiliary in Kendallville.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and David Weimer of Auburn and Pam and Gary Grogg of Auburn.

She was "Nanna" to seven grandchildren and their spouses: Amy and Morgan Metcalf of Inverness, Florida; Cory and Andrea Grogg of Indianapolis; Sommer and Adam Rudolph of Fort Wayne; Josh Grogg of Auburn; Heather and Robert Gaff of Hamilton; Chad and Tiffany Weimer of Auburn; and Derrick and Kim Weimer of Auburn; 18 great-grandchildren; and a brother, James Cook of Florida.

She was preceded in death by her father, Harlo C. Cook (January 1988); her mother, Margaret P. Cook (December 1978); and her sister, Emogene Shuler.

Visitation will be today, Thursday, October 13, 2011, from 4-7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Friday, October 14, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home. Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Tom Clothier and Pastor Bob Farmer.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Helen Steele

Mrs. Steele

LIGONIER — Helen Steele, age 81, of Ligonier passed away on October 11, 2011, at 5:25 p.m. at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

She was born on October 1, 1930, to Willie and Lillie M. (Crider) Brickey in Dorchester, Va. On May 3, 1947, she married Junis T. Steele. He preceded her in death on May 23, 2004.

Mrs. Steele was a dedicated and faithful member of the Apostolic Faith Church in Ligonier where she served as the treasurer from its inception in 1982 until 1998. She also served in the church as a Sunday school teacher.

Most of all Helen loved her family and the life she was blessed with. She will be deeply missed but always remembered.

She is survived by one daughter, Mary Steele of Ligonier; four sons, Glen (Flo) Steele of Ligonier, Gary (Patricia) Steele of Kimmell, Randy Steele of Ligonier and Kevin Steele of Albion; one daughter-in-law, Rita Steele of Kimmell; 15 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and a brother, Lee Edward (Glenda) Brickey of Cromwell.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a son, Thomas Steele; a great-granddaughter, Leah Grace Steele; two brothers, William Jr. and Jim Ray Brickey; and a sister, Jeanette Brickey.

There will be a funeral service held in Mrs. Steele's honor on Saturday, October 15, 2011, at Apostolic Faith Church, 317 Pigeon St., Ligonier at 10 a.m. with Pastor Joseph Brickey officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier. The pallbearers will be her grandsons.

A time of visitation will be held on Friday, October 14, 2011, at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier from 2-6 p.m. There will also be one hour of viewing prior to the service at the church.

Memorial donations are to Apostolic Faith Church, 317 Pigeon St., Ligonier, IN 46767.

Online Condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com

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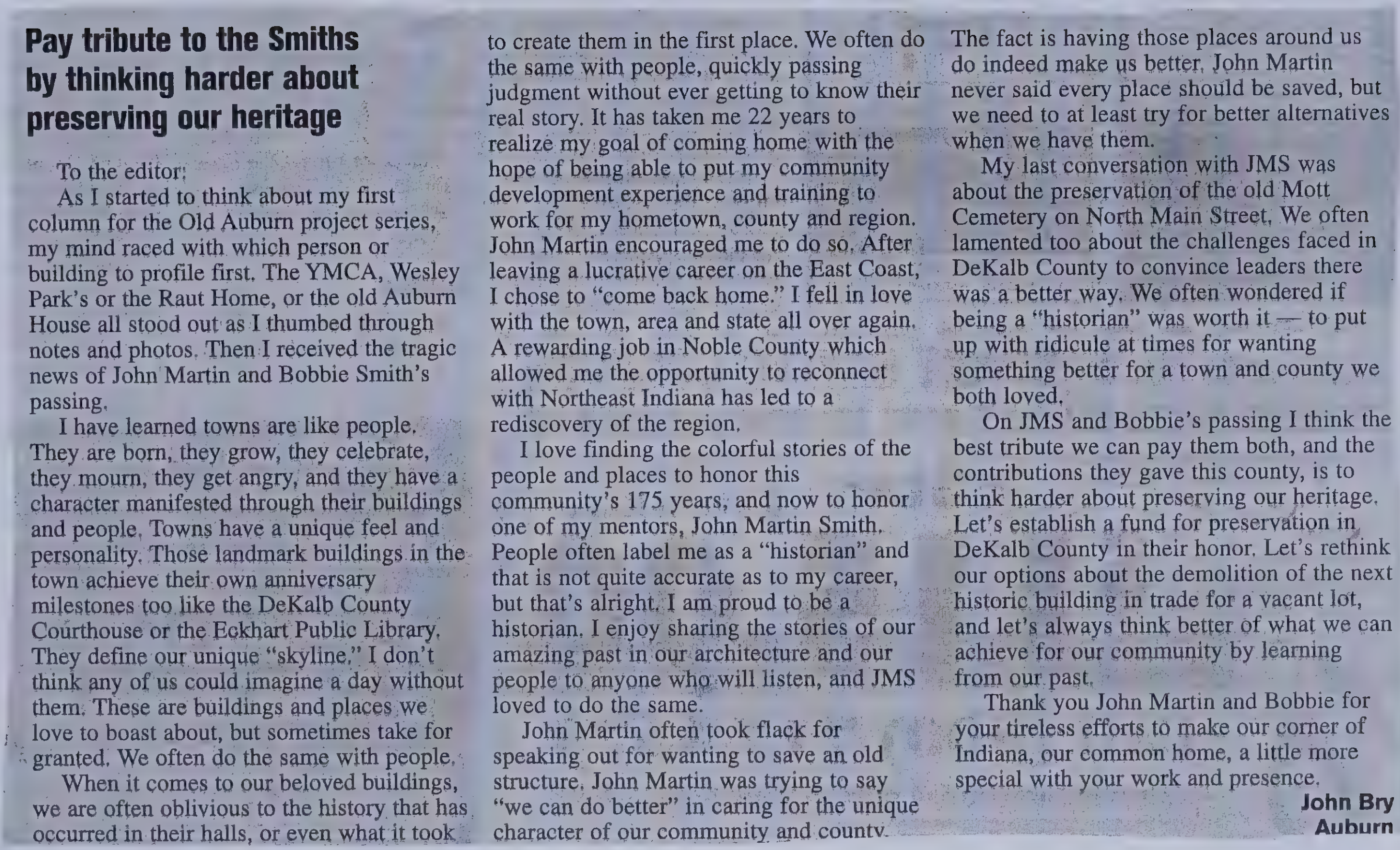

Pay tribute to the Smiths by thinking harder about preserving our heritage

To the editor:

As I started to think about my first column for the Old Auburn project series, my mind raced with which person or building to profile first. The YMCA, Wesley Park's or the Raut Home, or the old Auburn House all stood out as I thumbed through notes and photos. Then I received the tragic news of John Martin and Bobbie Smith's passing.

I have learned towns are like people. They are born, they grow, they celebrate, they mourn, they get angry, and they have a character manifested through their buildings and people. Towns have a unique feel and personality. Those landmark buildings in the town achieve their own anniversary milestones too like the DeKalb County Courthouse or the Eckhart Public Library. They define our unique "skyline." I don't think any of us could imagine a day without them. These are buildings and places we love to boast about, but sometimes take for granted. We often do the same with people.

When it comes to our beloved buildings, we are often oblivious to the history that has occurred in their halls, or even what it took to create them in the first place. We often do the same with people, quickly passing judgment without ever getting to know their real story. It has taken me 22 years to realize my goal of coming home with the hope of being able to put my community development experience and training to work for my hometown, county and region. John Martin encouraged me to do so. After leaving a lucrative career on the East Coast, I chose to "come back home." I fell in love with the town, area and state all over again. A rewarding job in Noble County which allowed me the opportunity to reconnect with Northeast Indiana has led to a rediscovery of the region.

I love finding the colorful stories of the people and places to honor this community's 175 years, and now to honor one of my mentors, John Martin Smith. People often label me as a "historian" and that is not quite accurate as to my career, but that's alright. I am proud to be a historian. I enjoy sharing the stories of our amazing past in our architecture and our people to anyone who will listen, and JMS loved to do the same.

John Martin often took flack for speaking out for wanting to save an old structure. John Martin was trying to say "we can do better" in caring for the unique character of our community and county. The fact is having those places around us do indeed make us better. John Martin never said every place should be saved, but we need to at least try for better alternatives when we have them.

My last conversation with JMS was about the preservation of the old Mott Cemetery on North Main Street. We often lamented too about the challenges faced in DeKalb County to convince leaders there was a better way. We often wondered if being a "historian" was worth it — to put up with ridicule at times for wanting something better for a town and county we both loved.

On JMS and Bobbie's passing I think the best tribute we can pay them both, and the contributions they gave this county, is to think harder about preserving our heritage. Let's establish a fund for preservation in DeKalb County in their honor. Let's rethink our options about the demolition of the next historic building in trade for a vacant lot, and let's always think better of what we can achieve for our community by learning from our past.

Thank you John Martin and Bobbie for your tireless efforts to make our corner of Indiana, our common home, a little more special with your work and presence.

John Bry
Auburn

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Hilary Walterhouse

Mr. Walterhouse

BREMEN — Hilary Dale "Moose" Walterhouse, 81, of Bremen passed away on Tuesday, October 11, 2011,at Rivercrest Specialty Hospital, Mishawaka, following a short illness.

He was born July 24, 1930 in Bremen to Jake AND Mary Mildred (Myers) Walterhouse. On December 22, 1957, he married Susan Edna McMillan, she survives.

Moose graduated from Bremen High School in 1948 and then from Indiana University, earning a bachelor's and a master's degree. While at IU he rode in four Little 500 bicycle races and his Sigma Nu team won in 1957. He was a U.S. Army veteran; he served in Korea where he saw Marilyn Monroe.

His careers were varied and enjoyed — working as a kinesio/corrective therapist in several Midwest VA hospitals and he was a teacher in school systems in the Midwest.

He enjoyed playing with cars by selling them for Bremen Ford-Mercury and driving them for Downie Motors.

Most of all he loved his church and his family.

Moose is survived by his wife Susan of Bremen; three sons, Kent Walterhouse of Wolcottville, Tom (Debbie) Walterhouse of Kendallville, and Marty (Desirae) Walterhouse of Hutchinson, Minn.; five grandsons, Scott, Brian, Jake, Jax and Kai; three granddaughters,Lydia, Abby and Paisley; and a sister, Phyllis Sahlhoff of Bremen.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a precious son, Scott Bennett Walterhouse.

A memorial service for Moose will be held at 4 p.m. on Sunday, October 16, 2011, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Bremen, and will be officiated by Pastor Neil Wonnacott. Burial will take place at a later date.

Please visit with the family from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, October 15, 2011, at the family's home. Friends may also call one hour before the service on Sunday at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul's Parish Fellowship, 605 S. Center St., Bremen, IN 46506).

Chad Shepherd

Mr. Shepherd

LIGONIER — Chad Irvin Shepherd, age 31, of Ligonier passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, October 12, 2011, at IU Goshen Health.

He was born on September 30, 1980, to Jan Woodworth and Irvin Shepherd Jr. in Goshen, Ind.

Chad worked at Midwest Printing Equipment in Goshen, Ind., since 2008.

He was a talented artist and loved to draw, was an avid sports fan, and was especially fond of the Chicago Bears and the Cubs. He also loved spending time with his family and friends and listening to country music.

He is survived by a daughter, Rylea Louise Shepherd; his mother, Jan (Mark) Woodworth of Wawaka; his father, Irvin Shepherd Jr. of David, Ky.; and three sisters, Stacy (Mike) Hodge of Wawaka, Jill (Michael) Sparks of Fort Wayne, and Tara (Tony) Mast of Marion.

A funeral service will be held in Chad's honor at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, on Sunday, October 16, 2011, at 4 p.m. with Brian Walter officiating.

A visitation will be held on Sunday, October 16, 2011, from 1-4 p.m. prior to the service.

A private cremation committal will take place at Legacy Cremation & Remembrance Center in Ligonier.

Memorial contributions are to the Rylea Shepherd College Fund in care of Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN 46767.

Online Condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

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Matthew Musick

Mr. Musick

FORT WAYNE — Matthew Jeffrey Musick, 19, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2011.

Born in Fort Wayne, Matthew was a 2011 graduate of Snider High School where he played on the No. 1 doubles tennis team and was first team All SAC. He also received All State honorable mention.

Surviving are his father, Jeffrey Musick of Fort Wayne; his sister, Kassondra Musick of Fort Wayne; his grandparents, Don and Barb Musick of Fort Wayne and Gary and Marilynn Grossman of Wolcottville; 18 aunts and uncles; and many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Marianne Musick, and his great-grandmother, Veva Grossman.

Funeral services are at 11 a.m. Saturday at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, 4700 Vance Ave., with the Rev. Phil Emerson officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling will be from 1 to 3 and 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at the church and one hour prior to the services Saturday.

Memorials may be made to the family c/o Jeffrey Musick or Cancer Services of NE Indiana.

D.O McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

Analee Jones

LAGRANGE — Analee Jones, 82, died Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2011, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Faith Haven Chapel Church (Old Methodist Church) in Valentine near LaGrange. Burial will be in New Paris Cemetery, New Paris.

Visitation will be from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Kimloy Snell

HARLAN — Kimloy J. Snell, 50, died Wednesday October 5, 2011, the result of a motorcycle accident.

Born on November 3, 1960, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, Kim was the son of Donn and Texas (Jett) Snell.

He was a 1979 graduate of Hicksville High School and attended college at Central Texas University.

He was united in marriage with Kimberly Hoover.

Kim was retired from the U.S. Army.

He was formerly employed by Guardian Industries in Ligonier, Indiana.

Surviving Kim are his wife Kimberly; two daughters, Christy Snell (Shawn) Asher of Hicksville, Ohio, and Hope Fredrick of Harlan, Indiana; two sons, Jason Snell of Columbia City, Indiana, and William Fredrick of Fort Wayne, Indiana; his grandchildren, Serena Snell, Damien Asher, Flaviano, and Gustavo and Juan Garcia; his mother, Texas Snell, of Harlan, Indiana; and a brother, Brent Snell of Hicksville, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his father, Donn H. Snell.

Funeral services for Kimloy will be Saturday at 7 p.m. at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, Ohio.

Visitation will be Saturday from 2 p.m. until service time.

Online condolences may be shared at www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com.

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Ruben Acevedo

BUTLER — Ruben Acevedo, 86, died Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2011, at the Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler.

Graveside service will be at noon at Butler Memorial Gardens.

Memorials are to the family.

Glendon Bontrager

HOWE — Glendon L. Bontrager, 59, of Howe died Thursday, October 13, 2011, at his residence.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. today and from 3-7 p.m. Saturday at Rosewood Fellowship Church, 5705 N. C.R. 900W, Shipshewana.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday also at the church. Burial will be in Rosewood Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Ronald Dague

LAGRANGE — Ronald J. Dague of LaGrange died Wednesday, October 13, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

DeEtta Close

AUBURN — DeEtta M. Close, 89, of Auburn died Thursday, Oct. 13, 2011, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Close

Mrs. Close was a press operator at Cooper Standard in Auburn, retiring in 1983.

She attended Meese Chapel United Methodist Church in rural Auburn.

She was born April 28, 1922, in DeKalb County to Ross and Agnes (Leis) Culbertson. She married Francis A. Close in DeKalb County on March 21, 1943, and he died on Jan. 2, 2000.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Marjorie and Michael Bauman of Auburn, Judy and Jim Pepple of Auburn, and Linda and Bud Handshoe of Auburn; two sons and daughters-in-law, John and Martha Close of Auburn, and Jack Sr. and Debra Close of Auburn; 17 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Eugene Culbertson of Fort Wayne, and Donald Culbertson of St. Joe.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Art Culbertson, Paul Culbertson, and Richard Culbertson; and a sister, Wilma Beuchel.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Al Black officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. prior to the service Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 6931 Arlington Road, Bethesda, Md, 20814.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

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Ralph Zeigler

Mr. Zeigler

CHURUBUSCO — Ralph Zeigler, 85, of Churubusco died Thursday, Oct. 13, 2011, at his farm.

Mr. Zeigler was a farmer and had worked at Newhouser Hatchery, Fort Wayne and Farm Bureau Co-Op, delivering fuel oil for 17 years.

He was a member of the Collins United Methodist Church, Farm Bureau for 60 years, Whitley County 4-H and was a founding member of the 4-County Pony Pulling Association.

A lifetime Whitley County resident, Mr. Zeigler graduated from Churubusco High School in 1945.

He was born April 25, 1926, in Whitley County to Jessie and Lillie F. (Prough) Zeigler. He married V. Dolores Nicodemus Oct. 5, 1946, at First Church of God in Columbia City. She survives in Churubusco.

Also surviving are five sons, Mike (Charlene) and Danny (Marcia) Zeigler, both of Churubusco, Dale (Joni) and Norm (Cathy) Zeigler, both of Fort Wayne, and Randall (Mary) Zeigler of Albion; 17 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; four sisters and one brother, Betty Crabill of Columbia City, Martha Wappes of Powell, Ohio, Joy Follis of Fort Wayne, Allen (Jeannie) Zeigler of Churubusco and Barbara Nicodemus of Columbia City.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Ben, John, Lee, Marshall, Clarence, Jay and Don Zeigler; and sisters, May Wappes and Gearldine Growcock.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, with his grandson, Pastor Andy Overly, and Pastor Larry Schmoekel officiating. Burial will be at Oak Grove (Compton) Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Sunday and one hour prior to the service Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Collins United Methodist Church.

Visit www.demoneygrimes.com to send family condolences or sign the guest register book.

Evelyn Fritz

Mrs. Fritz

LIGONIER — Evelyn I. Fritz, 96, of Ligonier and formerly of South Whitley and Etna, died Friday, Oct. 14, 2011, at Avalon Village, Ligonier, where she had been a resident since 2009. She had lived with her son and daughter in law, Jim and Judy Marker from 2006 to 2009.

Mrs. Fritz had been employed at Fibre Form.

She was a former member of Columbia City Order of the Eastern Star #65.

Mrs. Fritz completed her education at Larwill High School.

She was born Oct.13, 1915, in Whitley County to Joseph and Grace (Bennett) Cunningham. In 1947, she married A.A. "Aquilla" Marker. He died July 1, 1968. She then married Ralph Fritz. He died in 1983.

Surviving are two sons, James William (Judy) Marker of Ligonier and Larry J. (Diane) Marker of Kendallville; two stepdaughters, Margaret Ober of Kendallville and Vera (Donald) Shively of South Whitley; four grandchildren; seven stepgrandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; several stepgreat-grandchildren; several stepgreat-great-grandchildren; and two stepgreat-great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husbands, she was preceded in death by two stepdaughters, June Hibbs and Josephine Yunker; a step grandson; a stepgreat-grandson; and a brother, Burtis Cunningham.

The funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City. Burial will be in Scott Cemetery. The visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

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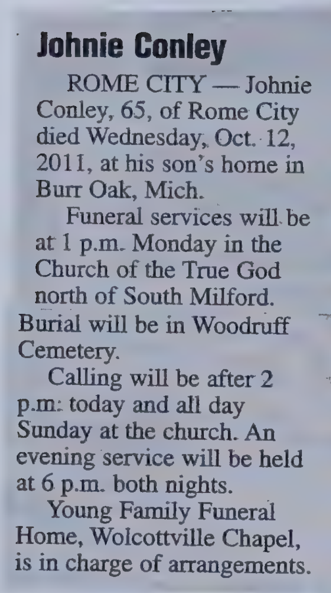


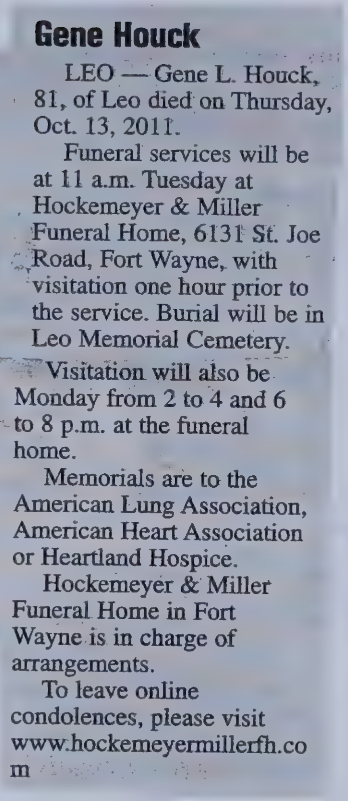
Johnie Conley

ROME CITY — Johnie Conley, 65, of Rome City died Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2011, at his son's home in Burr Oak, Mich.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday in the Church of the True God north of South Milford. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Sunday at the church. An evening service will be held at 6 p.m. both nights.

Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.



Gene Houck

LEO — Gene L. Houck, 81, of Leo died on Thursday, Oct. 13, 2011.

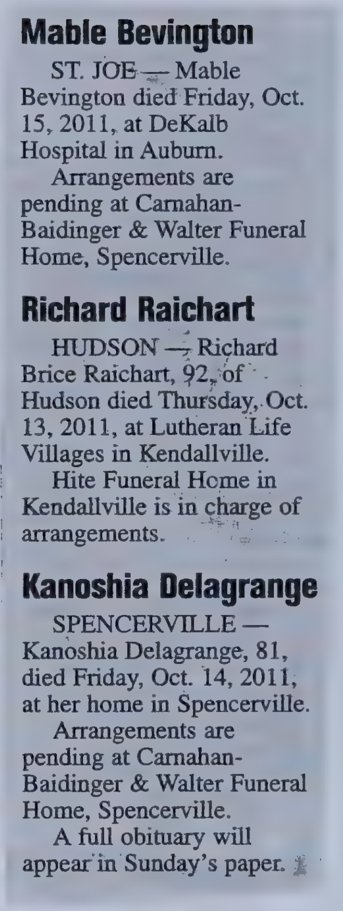
Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne, with visitation one hour prior to the service. Burial will be in Leo Memorial Cemetery.

Visitation will also be Monday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association, American Heart Association or Heartland Hospice.

Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home in Fort Wayne is in charge of arrangements.

To leave online condolences, please visit www.hockemeyermillerfh.com



Mable Bevington

ST. JOE — Mable Bevington died Friday, Oct. 15, 2011, at DeKalb Hospital in Auburn.

Arrangements are pending at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Richard Raichart

HUDSON — Richard Brice Raichart, 92, of Hudson died Thursday, Oct. 13, 2011, at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Kanoshia Delagrange

SPENCERVILLE — Kanoshia Delagrange, 81, died Friday, Oct. 14, 2011, at her home in Spencerville.

Arrangements are pending at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

A full obituary will appear in Sunday's paper.

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Caring about her community

Sandy Mafera led United Way for more than 20 years

BY NICHOLE HACHA-THOMAS
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AUBURN — Sandra Mafera cared about her community and worked throughout her life to make Auburn a better place.

Mrs. Mafera, 71, died May 31 at Indiana University Goshen Hospital in Goshen.

She was born Nov. 24, 1939, to Frank and Marian Raushcenbach in LaPorte. It was in her hometown where a chance encounter lead her to meet her husband, Stephen, and later move to Auburn.

Stephen Mafera was serving in the Army at Fort Campbell in Kentucky with a fellow soldier from LaPorte. He would visit his friend there and eventually was introduced to his future wife, he said.

The couple married on July 4, 1962, in Westwood, Mass. They relocated to LaPorte, where she raised their two children, Stephen Anthony (Tony) and Stephanie. The family soon moved to Auburn.

Mrs. Mafera was as devoted a mother to her children as she was to her community, serving as the PTA president and substitute teacher at their school.

"She had a horrendous amount of patience, she really did," her husband said. "She raised two kids while I went to school full-time and worked. Wow!"

No sooner had the Maferas arrived in Auburn before Mrs. Mafera jumped in to help out. When new residents moved to Auburn, Mafera was the first person they met in her position as a volunteer for Welcome Wagon. She'd stop over, drop off a few items and introduce herself to the newcomers.

"There were a few times I remember sitting in the car, and she's inside talking," her son, Tony Mafera, said. "Her job was to make new people feel comfortable coming to town."

His mother certainly knew how to talk to people, Tony Mafera said, which he believes is why she had a knack for raising money for a bevy of service organizations. From transforming an old, dusty church into a thriving senior social center, to serving as director of the United Way of DeKalb County for more than 20 years, his mother was able to make a real difference in her community.

"One of the things about her is she had a very good ability to deal with people," Tony Mafera said. "She knew how to go and connect with people and engage them, no matter where they were at and in whatever situation. From the farm to the boardroom, she had that ability. The good thing is that it worked for not only her, but for the community."

Tony Mafera said his mother only took jobs she believed in and had a passion for, including a stint as a radio reporter for a local station, a job at the chamber of commerce and organizing a nonprofit group of enterprising Auburn women.

"She involved herself in her job, and she believed in her cause," Tony Mafera said. "It was a part of her. Most people put a check in the box and get the job done — she put herself into her work."

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Sandy Mafera was notable in the Auburn community for leading several nonprofit organizations, including the United Way of DeKalb County, and assisting in the founding of the Heimach Senior Center.

Mafera and her husband moved away from Auburn, but she continued her community-building wherever she went.

She served as the director of the United Way of Kosciusko County, developed North Webster Community Center, and was a Friend of the Library before retiring to a lake cottage with her husband.

"I think a lot of people will remember her, and they will remember the things that she did," Stephen Mafera said. "I think her legacy will be that she was one of the people in the background that helped Auburn to grow, as it has with many others."

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John Martin Smith was a community treasure

To the editor:

The death of John Martin Smith is significant, in my opinion, because he represents a rare breed in the human race — one of those who combine their occupational responsibilities with constructive "full-time hobbies."

John was a personal friend of mine. I hadn't seen him in years, but I know from past limited contacts with him that, if I had called him, we would be right back "in sync."

The particular thing I am concerned with is that John was one of the founders of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum in Auburn, an automotive attraction which has existed for decades. Major support for the museum came for many years from a week-long Labor Day auction started by Dean Kruse of Auburn, who is virtual "dean" of the collector car auctioneering industry. And John was involved in other historic automotive endeavors. And he was a history "nut."

It's people like John who give character to whatever they are involved in of a public nature. They go outside of themselves and into the life of a community to preserve for future generations knowledge of where "where I live" came from.

Years ago, he stopped in at my weekly newspaper office with a bundle of something. He had stopped at a yard sale somewhere and saw a small, rolled-up bundle tied with a red ribbon. He bought the bundle after discovering that it was rolled-up copies of The St. Joe News — my newspaper — dating back to 1872! He had made copies for me and kept the originals for the local historical society. That's the kind of thoughtful person John Martin Smith was — a community treasure.

Where you are right now — do you have a "John Martin Smith"? I hope so.

Ted Haberkorn
Winter Park, Fla.

Kanoshia Delagrange

SPENCERVILLE — Kanoshia Ann Delagrange, 81, died Friday, Oct. 14, 2011, at her home in rural Spencerville.

She was born in Leo on March 28, 1930, to Menno and Lydia (Delagrange) Witmer. They preceded her in death.

She married Noah Leroy Delagrange on May 24, 1952, in Allen County.

She enjoyed being a homemaker and fellowshipping with people at her home. She loved animals of all kinds.

Surviving are her husband, Noah Delagrange of Spencerville; three sons Dale (Fern) Delagrange of Spencerville, Douglas (Vi) Delagrange of Spencerville, and Delbert (Sarah) Delagrange of Spencerville; two daughters, Charlotte (Mike) Chamness of Fort Wayne and Cristal (Craig) Bontrager of Grabill; 17 Grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; a brother, Menno (Rosa) Witmer of Leo; and two sisters, Margaret Witmer of Leo and Mary Miller of Leo.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Henry and Eli Witmer.

A memorial service will be held Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Central Church, 5801 Schwartz Road. A private family burial will be held.

Calling will be Monday from 2-8 pm at Central Church.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice and Central Missions Fund at Central Church.

Arrangements are by Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

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Leroy Miller

MIDDLEBURY — Leroy W. Miller, 67, of Middlebury, died at 9:50 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 15, 2011, at IU Health Goshen Hospital.

Services will be Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. at the Kevin Troyer residence, 10870 W. 250 N., Shipshewana.

Burial will be in Naylor Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Calling will be after 6 p.m. today and after 10 a.m. Monday at the Maynard Bontrager residence, 15634 C.R. 14, Middlebury.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is handling arrangements.

Mable Bevington

ST. JOE — Mable F. Bevington, 93, died Friday, Oct. 14, 2011, at DeKalb Health in Auburn.

She was born in Adams County on Oct. 3, 1918, to Jesse and Opal Marie (Ray) Bevington. They preceded her in death.

She graduated from South Side High School and Manchester College with a teaching degree. She started teaching elementary education and English in the Akron School District in Akron, Ind. Later she started the art department at Akron and became an art teacher. She also taught at Waterloo High School, which became DeKalb High School, from where she retired.

She was a member of St. Mark Lutheran Church in St. Joe, DeKalb County Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, Retired Teacher's Association, DeKalb Fine Arts Commission and the DeKalb Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. She also helped for several years with the St. Joe Lions Club Fair Booth.

Surviving are a sister-in-law, Betty Bevington of St. Joe; a nephew, Stephen (Jackie) Bevington of St. Joe; nieces, Cindy (Mike) Stauffer of Fort Wayne and Laura (Jim) Beckman of Petersburg, Ky.; four great-nephews and great-nieces; one great-great-nephew; and her lifelong best friend, Imogene Mavis of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Forrest "Red" Bevington, on July 3, 1994, and two great-nephews.

Services will be held on Wednesday at 11 a.m. with calling one hour prior at the St. Mark Lutheran Church in St. Joe. Pastor Merle Holden will officiate. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville.

Memorials to St. Mark Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 345, St. Joe, IN 46785.

Tammy Cottrell

AUBURN — Tammy L. Cottrell, 44, of Auburn, passed away Saturday Oct. 15, 2011, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne surrounded by her family.

She was a member of Auburn Church of Christ and enjoyed working on puzzles, camping, bowling, reading and spending time with her family.

Mrs. Cottrell

She had worked at the Super 8 Motel in Auburn.

She is survived by her husband, Richard Cottrell of Auburn; two sons and a daughter-in-law, John and Heather Cottrell and Rich Allen (Jessica Hicov) Cottrell all of Auburn; grandchildren, Isaac and Michaela Cottrell of Auburn; mother and stepfather, Sharon and Will Lewis of Garrett; father and stepmother, John and Ruth Tipton of Fort Wayne; and a sister and brother-in-law, Sheila and Rick Leach of Auburn.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with Rev. Joe Heins officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Visitation will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home and also one hour prior to the funeral service.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home.

To sign the online guest book or to leave the family a message of remembrance, visit www.pinnington-mccomb.com.

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Emma Lothamer

ANGOLA — Emma Sue Morris Lothamer, 47, was called home Friday, Oct. 14, 2011, at her home in Jimmerson Lake, Angola.

She was born March 4, 1964, to Harold Ray and Laureen (Tibbs) Morris in Hindman, Ky.

Mrs. Lothamer

Sue attended Ivy Tech College. She was a member of the Ontario Congregational Church in Ontario, Ind. She also enjoyed wiener dog racing with her little dog Pixie. Fishing, boating and gardening were her other hobbies.

She touched many through her listening ear, kind words and gentle spirit.

She will be *greatly* missed by her family and friends.

Sue is survived by her husband, Maurice James Lothamer of Angola; sister, Pat (Jose) Gonzalas of Angola; four sisters-in-law, Michelle Morris of Fort Wayne, Rhonda Coburn of St. Joe, Teresa Royer of Fort Wayne and Nancy Smith of Fort Wayne; two brothers-in-law, Patrick Lothamer of Fort Wayne and Ben Lothamer of Waco, Texas; and her father-in-law, James Lothamer of Fort Wayne.

A service of Christian burial will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with Pastor Dale Hicks officiating.

Burial will be in West Jamestown Cemetery, Steuben County, Indiana.

Visitation will be from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m., with a 7:30 p.m. rosary service, Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Humane Society or the Ontario Congregational Church.

Condolences may be left at www.weichtfh.com.

Betty Bash

BLUFFTON, Ohio — Betty L. Bash, 88, of Bluffton, Ohio, died Friday, Oct. 14, 2011, at 5 p.m. at the Mennonite Memorial Home, Bluffton.

Mrs. Bash

She was born Feb. 4, 1923, in West Mansfield, Ohio, to William "Jack" and Marjorie (Salter) Frost.

On July 21, 1940, she married Dallas J. Bash and he died Nov. 28, 2007.

She had worked at Steinman Bros. Lumber Company, Triplett Corporation, Diamond Savings and Loan, all in Bluffton, and Aldens of Lima.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Bluffton, where she was a previous board member, treasurer, Sunday School teacher, and youth group adviser. She was also a member of the Bluffton Women's Professionals. She volunteered with the Allen County Board of Elections, enjoyed bowling and crocheting, and her grandchildren were the light of her life.

Survivors include a daughter Sue (Gene) Mathewson of Bluffton; two sons, David (Karen) Bash of Auburn and Tony (Janet) Bash of Houston, Texas; nine grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Libby Vincent of Kenton, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Daniel Webster and Jack Frost, and three sisters Marjorie Wheeler, Dorothy Burke and Elner Frost.

Services will be Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, Bluffton, with Pastor Bryant Miller and Chaplain William Herr officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Bluffton.

Visitation will be held Monday from 4-7 p.m. at Chiles-Laman Funeral and Cremation Services, Bluffton.

Memorials may be made to the Mennonite Memorial Home or First United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be left at www.chiles-lamanfh.com.

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Willodene Berry

COLDWATER, Mich. — Willodene Lee (Sierer) Berry, 87, of Coldwater, Mich., and formerly of Fremont and Angola, died Friday, Oct. 14, 2011, at the Laurels Of Coldwater, Coldwater.

Mrs. Berry

She was born Feb. 28, 1924, in Union City, Ohio, to John and Emma (Moore) Sierer and they preceded her in death.

She married Blaine Berry on Aug. 12, 1950, in Fremont, and he preceded her in death on July 10, 1991.

She formerly worked for Lake Erie Door in Coldwater, The Elmhurst Hospital in Angola and General Electric in Fort Wayne.

She was a graduate of Angola High School.

Surviving are two daughters, Vicki Ann Freer of Dowagiac, Mich., and Delores Weller of Coldwater; three sons, Ralph Hall of Toledo, Ohio, Jack Berry of Coldwater and Kim Berry of Quincy, Mich.; 18 grandchildren; and 38 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Larry Kenneth Hall and Kevin Jan Berry; five sisters, Clista Hecker, Hattie Williams, Pauline Sierer, Mary Ellen Elston and Zana Goodhew; a brother, Ora Sierer; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with Rev. Randy Van Dyne, associate pastor of the Ashley Church Of God, officiating. Burial will be in Fremont Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling will be Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be left at www.beamsfuneralhome.com

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Brad Parker

AUBURN — Brad Earl Parker, 61, died Friday, Oct. 14, 2011, at his home in Auburn.

He was born July 16, 1950, in Lafayette. He was the son of the late Robert M. Parker and Mary Alice (Smith) Barbee.

Mr. Parker

Brad was a 1969 graduate of Southwestern High School in Lafayette where he played varsity football.

He was an Eagle Scout and later served in the U.S. Army reserves.

He was a railroad engineer, running trains for 30 years before retiring. He started working in 1970 for Monon Railroad in Lafayette and then moved to Auburn in 1988 where he worked for CSX Railroad in Garrett.

Brad enjoyed golfing, fishing with his children and grandchildren, and spending time with his family. He always enjoyed lending a hand to others in need.

Surviving are his wife of 39 years, Susan E. (Wright) Parker of Auburn; a son and daughter-in-law, Brett and Andrea Parker of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Brooke and Stephen Pelletier of Bloomington; adored by two granddaughters, Mahayla "Haylie" Parker, and Taylor Pelletier, and a grandson, Parker Pelletier; his mother, Mary Alice Barbee of Crawfordsville; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Robert and Charlotte Parker of Lafayette, Bruce and Cheryl Parker of Lafayette, and Brian and Michele Parker of Crawfordsville; sisters and a brother-in-law, Pam Grame of Lafayette, and Penny and Clint Carter of Kansas; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert M. Parker; and a brother-in-law, the Rev. Sheldon Grame.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with visitation from 10-11 a.m. prior to the service. The Rev. Ted Jansen will be officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will also be from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to St. Martin's Healthcare, 1359 South Randolph St., Garrett, IN 46738-1970.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com

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Dale Nickols

HAMILTON — Dale D. Nickols, 90, of Hamilton died Sunday, Oct. 16, 2011; at his home.

Mr. Nickols

Mr. Nickols was born Aug. 10, 1921, in Hamilton to John V. and Callie (Dangler) Nickols. He married Carolyn L. "Kay" (Kendrick) Nickols on April 3, 1947.

He was a U.S. Army veteran and was co-owner of Hamilton Real Estate and Auction Services. He was a member of Hamilton American Legion Post 467, the Hamilton Fish & Game Club and the Alcohol Beverage Committee in Steuben County, and a life member of the 80th Division Veterans Association.

Surviving are three sons, Randy (Glenda) Nickols of Hamilton, Brad Nickols of Flagler Beach, Fla., and Rudy (Gwen) Mezosi of Mesa, Ariz.; nine grandchildren, Chris, Stacy, Brandon, Todd, Tommy, Shannon, Jennifer, Sheldon and Brad Jr.; 11 great-grandchildren; and a companion and special friend, Virginia Crody of Hamilton.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Carolyn L. "Kay" Kendrick Nickols on Aug. 8, 1999; two sisters, Chloe Myers and Lenore Nemeth; and one brother, Dean Nickols.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2011, at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Pastor Jeff Alexander officiating. Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2011, at the funeral home. Burial with military graveside services by the Hamilton American Legion Post 467 will be in Eddy Cemetery, Hamilton.

Memorials are to Hamilton American Legion Post 467.

You may sign the guest book at www.weichtfh.com.

Samuel Griffiths

ANGOLA — Samuel M. Griffiths, 75, of Angola died Saturday, Oct. 15, 2011, at the Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis.

Services are pending at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Jack Reidenbach

WAWAKA — Jack Reidenbach, 89, died Sunday, Oct. 16, 2011, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Jennifer Murdoch

ANNA MARIA ISLAND, Fla. — Jennifer Henson Chapman Murdoch, 47, of Anna Maria Island, Fla., a graduate of Angola High School, died Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2011.

No local services in northeast Indiana are planned. Private family services will take place in Florida.

Steve Harverson

ANGOLA — Steve Allen "Bo" Harverson, 60, of Angola died Saturday, Oct. 15, 2011, at his residence.

Arrangements are pending with Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

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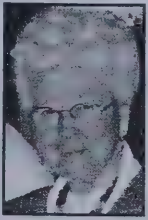
Patricia Reed

AVILLA — Patricia Opal Reed, age 82, of Avilla, died on Sunday, October 16, 2011, at Provena Sacred Heart Home.



Mrs. Reed

Mrs. Reed was born in Kendallville, Indiana, on April 14, 1929, to the late Clifford John Barker and Opal Daisey (Helmer) Becker.

She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1946 and married Jack Phillip Reed on August 24, 1947, at the Wayne Center United Methodist Church near Kendallville.

Pat was a bookkeeper and employed with Parker Nivens Chevrolet in Kendallville for 18 years.

She also assisted Ron Everage when he began Everage Motor Sales in Stroh.

Pat was a dedicated and loving mother and grandma. She loved spending time together as a family.

She enjoyed traveling and playing cards, especially Euchre.

She and Jack loved to go dancing. They ballroom danced and square danced together for many years.

When she and Jack lived on the farm north of Kendallville, she helped with the chores and raised a big garden every year.

Pat was a member of the Wayne Center United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband of 64 years, Jack Reed of Avilla; two sons, Larry and Janet Reed of Columbia City and Steve and Debbie Reed of Greensboro, North Carolina; a daughter, Nancy and Tony Blomeke of Kendallville; five grandchildren, Jeff and Monica Reed of Columbia City, Doug and Mika Reed of Columbia City, Phillip Reed of Greensboro; Ashley and Andrew Bigelow of Auburn and Austin Blomeke of Kendallville; two stepgrandchildren, Kathleen Genusa and Andrew Langston; seven great-grandchildren; and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her grandson, Eric Reed, who died in 1993, and her brother,

Richard Barker, who died in 2000.

Visitation will be Wednesday, October 19, 2011, from 3-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Thursday, October 20, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home.

There will be an hour of visitation prior to the start of the service.

Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Sherrie Long and Provena Sacred Heart Home Chaplain Tom Novy.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Preferred memorials may be made to Wayne Center United Methodist Church.

Casketbearers will be her grandsons, Jeff, Doug, Phil and Andrew Reed, Austin Blomeke and Wayne Hasselman.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Patricia by Wednesday at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Steve Harverson

ANGOLA — Steve Allen "Bo" Harverson, 60, of Angola died Saturday, Oct. 15, 2011, at his residence.

He was an asphalt and concrete road construction worker for Apac Construction in Ashville, N.C.

Mr. Harverson

Mr. Harverson attended Pleasant Lake United Methodist Church.

He was born Nov. 2, 1950, in Waynesville, N.C., to Dave and Truley (McGaha) Harverson. He married Vicky (Dirrim) Schuller on May 17, 2004, in Haywood County, N.C. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving are a daughter, Candace Melton of Waynesville, N.C.; two grandchildren; and four sisters, Belle Rowe of Angola, Candace and James Dotson of Central, S.C., Dare and Terry Justice of Canton, N.C., and Lou Ellen Millman of Canton, N.C.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Margaret Lee Ann Harverson; his brothers and sisters, James "Hopper" Harverson, Jenny Rupe, Jimmie Troutman, Frances Mathis and Neil Sisk; and his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Kenneth and Wynelle Dirrim, Judy Witham and Ricky Dirrim.

Graveside funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Lakeside Cemetery at Fremont with the Rev. John Boyanowski.

Memorials are to the family.

Beams Funeral Home in Fremont is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

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William Barrett

AVILLA — William D. "Bill" Barrett, 84, of Avilla died on Sunday, October 16, 2011, at 10:10 a.m. at the Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville after a brief illness.

Bill was born on January 25, 1927, in International Falls, Minn., to the late Willaim P. and Fayra (McBride) Barrett. On January 11, 1945, at the LaOtto Wesleyan Church he married Myrtle Huff. She preceded him in death on November 20, 2005. He lived his adult life in Noble County.

Mr. Barrett was a longtime farmer and was employed by Levin and Sons in Kendallville for many years. While working for Levin he drove semi, worked heavy equipment and was a office manager.

He was a veteran of the United States Navy and during his time he was a heavy equipment operator for the Seabees. He took part in building the first air strip in Guam.

In the early 1970s, he was a reserve police officer for the town of Avilla.

Mr. Barrett was a lifetime member of the American Legion Post 240 in Avilla, and also a lifetime member of the VFW. in Kendallville.

He enjoyed fishing, wood working, and was known for his wishing wells that he made.

Surviving are two daughters, Nancy Jo Fischer and her fiancee Larry Buckmaster of Avilla, and Billie and Alan Fordeck of Kendallville; his son, and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Deb Barrett of Celina, Ohio; nine grandchildren, Tom Fischer, Tammy Manier, Amy Adkins, Mick Fordeck, Melissa Priestley, Heather Barrett, B.J. Barrett, Dawn Schnell and Heather Bragg;

16 great grandchildren; and a sister, Lorene Turner of Utah.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Myrtle; son-in-law, Thomas Fischer on Dec. 1, 2002; a brother, Oakley Barrett; and three sisters, Joyce Egolf, Darlene Black and Shirley Blocker.

Private visitation will be held.

A graveside service will be held on Tuesday, October 18, 2011, at 3 p.m. at the Swan Township Cemetery near LaOtto. A military graveside service will be conducted by the Honor Guard of the American Legion Post # 240 of Avilla. Active pallbearers will be Jay Priestly, Mick Fordeck, Tom Fischer, Tony Manier, Ronald Adkins and Jerry Smith. B.J. Barrett will be an honorary pallbearer.

Memorials may be made to Parkview Noble Hospice.

To sign the online guest register book go to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Mary Saurbeck

Mrs. Saurbeck

AUBURN — Mary E. Saurbeck, 86, of Auburn died Sunday, Oct. 16, 2011, at DeKalb Health in Auburn.

Mrs. Saurbeck worked for the Ohio Art Co. in Bryan, Ohio, and was also a homemaker.

She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn.

She was born May 25, 1925, in Stryker, Ohio, to Michael and Frances (Hornacek) Psurny. She married Donald C. Saurbeck on Nov. 19, 1949, in Bryan, Ohio.

Surviving are her husband of 63 years Donald Saurbeck of Auburn; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and five brothers, Gotlieb Psurny, Joseph Psurny, Edward Psurny, Frank Psurny and Victor Psurny.

A Mass of Christian burial will be at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn, with visitation from 10:30-11:30 a.m. prior to Mass at the church. Father Derrick Sneyd will be officiating. Burial will take place at 3 p.m. in Fountain Grove Cemetery in Bryan, Ohio.

Visitation will also be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the rosary being recited at 5:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are to the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church or the DeKalb County Heart Association.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

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Samuel Griffiths

ANGOLA — Samuel M. Griffiths, 75, of Angola, Ind., died Saturday, October 15, 2011, at IU Medical Center in Indianapolis, Ind.

Mr. Griffiths

Mr. Griffiths had been a supervisor at Moore Business Forms, retiring after 34 years. He also operated his own farm.

He graduated from Metz High School and attended Tri-State University for one year.

Mr. Griffiths was a 55-year member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Angola. He had served on the church's board and council for many years. He had also attended Peace Lutheran Church in Fremont.

He served on the Steuben County 4-H board for eight years and was very active in Steuben County 4-H for many years.

Mr. Griffiths served in the U.S. Army National Guard for eight years.

He was born January 1, 1936, in Hammond, Ind., the son of Byron R. and Lois H. (Moll) Griffiths. He married Emma Black on April 8, 1961.

Surviving are his wife, Emma Black Griffiths of Angola; a son, Joe (Jeana) Griffiths of Angola; a daughter, Christine Harwood of Mesa, Ariz.; two brothers, Russell (LouAnn) Griffiths of Fort Wayne and William (Vera) Griffiths of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.; two sisters, Carol (Richard) Pettyjohn of Phoenix, Ariz., and Barbara (Larry) Erickson of Montgomery, Texas; four grandchildren, Lyle Griffiths of Angola, Andrew Nichols of Fort Wayne, Amber Moore of Tucson, Ariz., and Brooke Harwood of Mesa, Ariz.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, October 21, 2011, at Peace Lutheran Church in Fremont, Ind., with Pastor Wayne Berkesch officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola, Ind.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday, October 20, 2011, at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, and one hour prior to services Friday at the church.

Memorials are to Peace Lutheran Church, 355 E. State Road 120, Fremont, IN 46737 or the Steuben County Cancer Association, P.O. Box 28, Angola, IN 46703.

Sign a guestbook at www.weichtfh.com.

Lucile Hardy

FORT WAYNE — Lucile E Hardy, 91, formerly of Auburn died Monday, Oct. 17, 2011. at her daughter's home in Fort Wayne.

Services are at 11 a.m. Saturday at Auburn First United Methodist Church in Auburn.

Calling is Friday from 4-8 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn, and also 1 hour prior to the service Saturday at the church.

A full obituary will appear in tomorrow's paper.

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Wayne Janowski

TOPEKA — Wayne F. Janowski, 68, of Topeka, died Saturday, Oct. 15, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A private cremation committal will take place at Legacy Cremation & Remembrance Center. A memorial gathering will be Saturday, Nov. 5, from 2-5 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Memorials are to Parkview LaGrange Hospice or LaGrange County Animal Shelter.

Jack Reidenbach

WAWAKA — Jack Edward Reidenbach, 89, of Wawaka died Sunday, Oct. 16, 2011, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Visitation will be Thursday from 3-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Fridayat 11 a.m. at Wawaka Church of the Brethren in Wawaka.

There will be an hour of visitation before the service.

Officiating the funeral service will be Rev. Verne Leininger.

Burial will be at Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Preferred memorials may be made to Wawaka Church of the Brethren.

Betty Peranteau

LAGRANGE — Betty M. Peranteau, 77, of LaGrange died Monday, Oct. 17, 2011, at her home.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. Burial will be in Punch Bowl Cemetery in Hawaii.

Visitation will be from 1 .pm. until service time on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Shipshewana Nazarene Church.

Carl Blake

ASHLAND, Ohio — Carl A. Blake, 96, of Ashland died Friday, Oct, 14, 2011, at the Good Shepherd Home.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Heyl Funeral Home in Ashland. Burial will follow at Ashland Cemetery with military honors presented by the Ashland Veterans Honor Guard.

Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Devon Miller

GOHSEN — Devon E. Miller, 30, of Goshen died a Monday, Oct. 17, 2011, as a result of an auto/moped accident near Millersburg.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 5-8 p.m. today and Wednesday at Fairhaven Mennonite Church, 13513 S.R. 4, Goshen. Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Thursday also at the church. Burial will be in Thomas Cemetery, Goshen.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

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Longtime EN band director dies at 72

Bottomley taught more than music

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KENDALLVILLE — Retired East Noble High School band director Pete Bottomley died Tuesday at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Bottomley, 72, was assistant director to Phil Zent for 10 years before becoming band director in 1977. He retired in 1999 after a 32-year career with the East Noble music department.

Bottomley

"Pete was an icon in the East Noble community," said longtime friend Pam Younce of Kendallville. "Think of the thousands of young people he influenced, the many who went on to become band directors and music teachers."

East Noble Middle School band teacher and former middle school band director Jim Swartzlander was one of those inspired by Bottomley to become a teacher.

"Absolutely he inspired me," Swartzlander said. "He opened a lot of doors for me."

Robert Smith, who teaches music, band and choir at Avilla Elementary School, was a student teacher at East Noble High School under Bottomley's supervision. He has also been musical director for East Noble Theatre for more than 20 years. Smith remembers his mentor telling a student he had received a scholarship for private lessons with a professor at Indiana University.

"The student was so happy. Pete told me later he paid for lessons for many students who could not afford to pay for themselves. He just always told them they had received a scholarship. That's the way Pete was,"

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Smith said.

Swartzlander and Younce first came to know Bottomley when he taught them band in middle school. They went on to be members of the East Noble Marching Knights drumline in 1972, when Zent and Bottomley directed the band to the Indiana State Fair Marching Band finals for the first time.

"Phil and Pete established a band program that became known throughout the Midwest," said Swartzlander.

Younce said Bottomley's students learned more than music and band.

"We learned responsibility and learned to respect him and each other," she said. Later, Younce and her husband traveled with Bottomley and his wife, Janet. "They were a lot of fun. He was always happy, upbeat and the kind of person people loved to be around," Younce said.

Bottomley never stopped caring about the band program, according to East Noble Band Boosters member Doug Nowels. He came to practices and invitationals just to watch and gave private lessons to beginning students. As recent as this past spring, Bottomley volunteered to be on the selection committee for the high school band position.

Swartzlander admired Bottomley's ability to relate to young kids despite the generation gap. "They loved him," he said.

Swartzlander became close to Bottomley, who stayed in Kendallville after he retired.

"We hit it off right away. He helped me develop my personal talents," said Swartzlander, who assisted Bottomley with the East Noble Marching Knights. "Those years were magical. You loved to come to work each day because of the person you worked with."

Bottomley took up painting after he retired.

"He was a very good artist. He painted watercolors. I'm fortunate I have two of his works," said Younce.

Bottomley also continued with his music, serving as orchestra leader on several East Noble Theatre shows over the years.

Bottomley was a key figure in planning the first East Noble band reunion in July 2010.

"Pete was in his element surrounded by his former students," said Swartzlander.

Information about funeral services and calling may be found on page A4.

Peter Bottomley

KENDALLVILLE — Peter Russell Bottomley, 72, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2011, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Visitation will be Friday from 2-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Kendallville. Officiating the funeral service will be Father James Stoyle.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville

Memorials are to band program for beginners at East Noble Middle School.

A complete obituary will appear in Thursday's edition.

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William Barrett

AVILLA — William D. "Bill" Barrett, 84, of Avilla died on Sunday, October 16, 2011, at 10:10 a.m. at the Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville after a brief illness.

Bill was born on January 25, 1927, in International Falls, Minn., to the late Willaim P. and Fayra (Mc Bride) Barrett. On January 11, 1945, at the LaOtto Wesleyan Church he married Myrtle Huff. She preceded him in death on November 20, 2005. He lived his adult life in Noble County.

Mr. Barrett was a longtime farmer and was employed by Levin and Sons in Kendallville for many years. While working for Levin he drove semi, worked heavy equipment and was a office manager.

He was a veteran of the United States Navy and during his time he was a heavy equipment operator for the Seabees. He took part in building the first air strip in Guam.

In the early 1970s, he was a reserve police officer for the town of Avilla.

Mr. Barrett was a lifetime member of the American Legion Post 240 in Avilla, and also a lifetime member of the VFW. in Kendallville.

He enjoyed fishing, wood working, and was known for his wishing wells that he made.

Surviving are two daughters, Nancy Jo Fischer and her fiancee Larry Buckmaster of Avilla, and Billie and Alan Fordeck of Kendallville; his son, and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Deb Barrett of Celina, Ohio; nine grandchildren, Tom Fischer, Tammy Manier, Amy Adkins, Mick Fordeck, Melissa Priestley, Heather Barrett, B.J. Barrett, Dawn Schnell and Heather Bragg; 16 great grandchildren; a sister, Lorene Turner of Utah; and friend and neighbor Maria Watson.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Myrtle; son-in-law, Thomas Fischer on Dec. 1, 2002; a brother, Oakley Barrett; and three sisters, Joyce Egolf, Darlene Black and Shirley Blocker.

Private visitation will be held.

A graveside service will be held on Tuesday, October 18, 2011, at 3 p.m. at the Swan Township Cemetery near LaOtto. A military graveside service will be conducted by the Honor Guard of the American Legion Post # 240 of Avilla. Active pallbearers will be Jay Priestly, Mick Fordeck, Tom Fischer, Tony Manier, Ronald Adkins and Jerry Smith. B.J. Barrett will be an honorary pallbearer.

Memorials may be made to Parkview Noble Hospice.

To sign the online guest register book go to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Emily Jordan

LAGRANGE — Emily Lynn Jordan, 13, of LaGrange went home to be with the Lord Tuesday, October 18, 2011, at 10:20 a.m. in her residence.

Miss Jordan

She had attended Wolcott Mills School in Wolcottville. She also attended Vineyard Christian Fellowship in Rome City.

Emily was born March 7, 1998, in LaGrange to Jeffery and Traci (Miller) Jordan. They survive in LaGrange.

Also surviving are five brothers, Brett Jordan, Graham Jordan, Kerry Jordan, Dylan Jordan and Matt Weible, all of LaGrange; maternal grandmother, Cathy (Jack) Keiser of Rome City; maternal grandfather, Eugene Miller of Ontario; paternal grandparents, Robert and Suzanne Jordan of LaGrange; maternal great-grandmother, Maxine Bloomfield of Rome City; paternal great-grandmother, Betty Barr of Wolcottville; aunts and uncles, Kerry Miller of Rome City, Scott Miller of Wolcottville, Ashley Keiser of Rome City, Jack Keiser II of Rome City, Scott (Lisa) Jordan of Wolcottville, Kenny Jordan of South Milford, and Peggy (Randy Mueller) Marks of LaGrange; and many cousins.

She was preceded in death by her maternal great-grandfather, Clarence Bloomfield, and paternal great-grandfather, Earl Jordan.

Funeral services will be Friday, October 21, 2011, at 10 a.m. in Vineyard Christian Fellowship, Rome City, with Pastor Steve Herendeen officiating. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery.

Calling is Thursday, October 20, 2011, after 2 p.m. in the church.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville, is assisting with arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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Jack Reidenbach

WAWAKA — Jack Edward Reidenbach, age 89, of Wawaka died on Sunday, October 16, 2011, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Reidenbach

Mr. Reidenbach was born in Elkhart Township, Noble County, Indiana, on December 29, 1921, to the late Edward Clayton and Opha (Russell) Reidenbach.

He graduated from Wawaka High School in 1940 and attended Indiana Central College for a short time.

He was married to Mary Kathryn Miller on October 8, 1944, at the Lutheran Church in Cromwell.

She preceded his death on November 1, 2007, after 63 years of marriage.

Jack was a farmer and involved in agriculture all of his life.

He was elected to the office of Noble County auditor and Noble County recorder over a span of 12 years.

He also served as the Elkhart Township trustee for about 8 years and as a Noble County Councilman.

Jack and Mary enjoyed many winters together in Tavares, Florida, and he loved fishing there.

They belonged to the 500 Card Club in Noble County for 63 years and were members of the Wawaka Church of the Brethren. He was also a member of the Noble County Gas and Steam Association and served on the Indiana Farm Bureau Board of Directors for about 60 years. Jack was also a Detroit Tigers fan.

Survivors include two daughters and a son-in-law, Vicki and Michael Kuker of Fort Wayne and Peggy Bricker of Kendallville; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Philip R. Reidenbach of Kimmell and John and Lynn Reidenbach of Wawaka; 13 grandchildren, Amy and James Gonzagowski of Fort Wayne, Angela and Gregory Samels of St. John, Indiana, Tonya Antonides of Auburn, Troy and Nicole Antonides of Kendallville, Tara and Todd Smith of Indianapolis, Jill and Mike Becker of Albion, Philip Jack and Kim Reidenbach of Cromwell, Christi and Ron Smith of Kimmell, Emily and Adam Tomlinson of Ligonier, Jackie and Tony Wilson of Zanesville, Ohio, Jennifer and Mike Bentley of Pierceton, Seth Reidenbach of Indianapolis and Sam Reidenbach of Wawaka; 18 great-grandchildren; a sister, Marilyn Muhler of Fort Wayne; and a brother, Jay and Jean Reidenbach of Albion.

He was also preceded in death by a grandson, Aaron, who was stillborn, and a sister, Jaunita Jamison.

Visitation will be Thursday, October 20, from 3-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Friday, October 21, at 11 a.m. at Wawaka Church of the Brethren.

There will be an hour of visitation before the service.

Officiating the funeral service will be the Rev. Verne Leininger.

Burial will be at Orange Cemetery near Rome City. Casketbearers will be his grandsons.

Preferred memorials may be made to Wawaka Church of the Brethren.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Barbara Maund

LONGVIEW, Texas — Mrs. Barbara Jane Maund of Longview, Texas, passed away October 7, 2011, in Longview.

Mrs. Maund

She was born in Moline, Ill., to Luell Webster Miller and Lavinia Fern McMahill Miller.

She married Paul Maund on September 2, 1970, and spent 41 wonderful years as his wife.

She was a supervisor in the grocery industry, working for Kroger for 25 years and later in the medical field.

Barbara enjoyed traveling with her husband and saw most of the United States, much of Canada and Europe.

She will be remembered for her love of family and her spirited personality. She enjoyed animals, watching golf and spending time with her family.

She left behind family and friends that will cherish her memory.

Surviving Barbara are her husband, Paul Maund of Longview; daughter, Teresa Hessen and husband Tom of Ephrata, Pa.; son, Todd Rigelman and wife Debbie of Fort Wayne, Ind. and grandchildren, Adrian Hessen and wife Michelle of Baltimore, Md., Thomas Hessen and wife Kathryn of Ashburn, Va., Mollie Douglas and husband Jonathan of Clarksburg, Md., and Austen Rigelman, Ashley Rigelman and Arielle Rigelman of Fort Wayne, Ind.

A memorial service will be held in Michigan at a later date.

Downs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Colleen Aldrich

ANGOLA — Colleen "Cookie" Aldrich, 56, of Angola died Monday, Oct. 17, 2011, at her home.

Funeral services will be held at a later date.

Memorials are to Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Ellis Crum

KENDALLVILLE — Ellis J. Crum, 83, of Kendallville died Monday, October 17, 2011, at 8:15 p.m. at Lutheran Life Villages, Kendallville.

Services are Friday at 2 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel with Steve Altman officiating. Burial is in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m. and one hour prior to services in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Ghana Mission.

A full obituary will appear in Thursday's paper.

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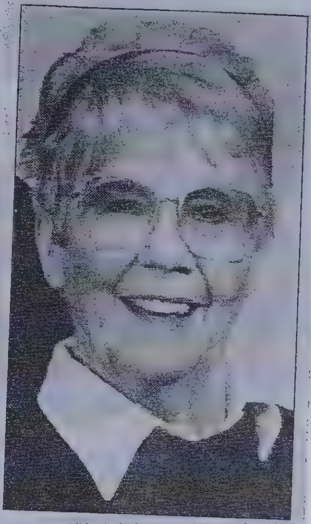
Beanie Fritz, 88



Beanie Fritz, age 88, of Kendallville, died on Tuesday, October 11, 2011 at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Betty Louise (Cook) Fritz was born in Wolcottville on October 7, 1923 to the late Harlo C. and Margaret P. (Rogers) Cook.

She graduated from Wolcottville High School in 1940 and married Richard Charles Fritz on August 23, 1941 in the United Methodist Church in Wolcottville. Dick preceded her death on December 12, 2007 after 66 years of faithful marriage.

Beanie was a homemaker and member of the First Christian Church in Kendallville.

She loved reading and tending to her flower gardens, watching Notre Dame football and IU basketball.

She was a charter member of the Delta Theta Tau Sorority, past president of the Elks Ladies Auxillary and life member of the American Legion Post #86, Ladies Auxillary in Kendallville.

Survivors include daughters, Linda and David Weimer of Auburn, and Pam and Gary Grogg of Auburn; seven grandchildren: Amy and Morgan Metcalf of Inverness, Florida, Cory and Andrea Grogg of Indianapolis, Sommer and Adam Rudolph of Fort Wayne, Josh Grogg of Auburn, Heather and Robert Gaff of Hamilton, Chad and Tiffany Weimer of Auburn, and Derrick and Kim Weimer of Auburn; 18 great-grandchildren; brother, James Cook of Florida.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and her sister, Emogene Shuler.

Funeral services were Friday, October 14, 2011 at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service was Pastor Tom Clothier and Pastor Bob Farmer.

Burial was at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Connie L. Smith, 72

Connie L. Smith, age 72, of Ligonier, IN passed away on Monday, October 10, 2011 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born on May 8, 1939 to Ernie and Gladys (DeBolt) Cripe in Whitley County, IN. On September 5, 1958, she married Eldon Smith. He survives.

Connie graduated from Ligonier High School in 1957. She co-owned and operated E-T Auto Parts with her husband for over 28 years. She was also a member of Stone's Hill Community Church.

Connie is survived by her husband, Eldon Smith of Ligonier; a daughter, Julie Reed; two sons, Dave (Wendy) Smith of Ligonier, andTom Smith of Kendallville; six grandchildren, Andrew (Abby) Reed of Ligonier, Bryan (Julie) Reed of Cromwell, Sarah (Joe) Vargas of Fort Wayne, Kate (Jon) Penny of Fairbanks, Alaska, Megan and Shane Smith of Kendallville; four great-grandchildren; two brothers, Richard (Lois) Cripe of Fort Wayne, IN and Terry (Sally) Cripe of Syracuse.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sons, Jeffrey and Gary Smith; two brothers, Ernie Jr. and Jack Cripe.

A funeral service was held in Mrs. Smith's honor on Friday, October 14, 2011 at Stone's Hill Community Church with Pastor Joey Nelson officiating. Burial followed at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorial contributions are to the Brandon A. Replogle Scholarship Fund, 1599 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN 46767.

To view an online video tribute, sign the guestbook, or send an online condolence to the family, visit www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

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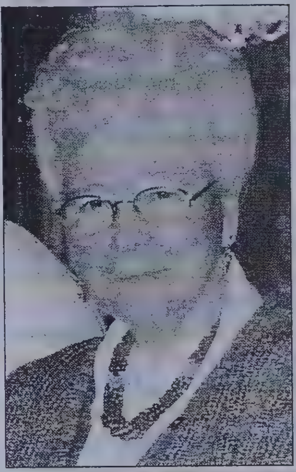
Patricia Reed, 82



Patricia Opal Reed, age 82, of Avilla, died on Sunday, October 16, 2011 at Provena Sacred Heart Home.

Mrs. Reed was born in Kendallville, Indiana on April 14, 1929 to the late Clifford John Barker and Opal Daisey (Helmer) Becker.

She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1946 and married Jack Phillip Reed on August 24, 1947 at the Wayne Center United Methodist Church near Kendallville.

Pat was a bookkeeper and employed with Parker Nivens Chevrolet in Kendallville for 18 years.

She also assisted Ron Everage when he began Everage Motor Sales in Stroh.

Pat was a dedicated and loving mother and grandma. She loved spending time together as a family.

She enjoyed traveling and playing cards, especially Euchre.

She and Jack loved to go dancing. They ballroom danced and square danced together for many years.

When she and Jack lived on the farm north of Kendallville, she helped with the chores and raised a big garden every year.

Pat was a member of the Wayne Center United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband of 64 years, Jack Reed of Avilla; sons, Larry and Janet Reed of Columbia City, Steve and Debbie Reed of Greensboro, NC; daughter, Nancy and Tony Blomeke of Kendallville; five grandchildren: Jeff and Monica Reed of Columbia City, Doug and Mika Reed of Columbia City, Phillip Reed of Greensboro, Ashley and Andrew Bigelow of Auburn, Austin Blomeke of Kendallville; two step-grandchildren: Kathleen Genusa and Andrew Langston; seven great-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her grandson, Eric

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Reed, who died in 1993 and her brother, Richard Barker, who died in 2000.

Visitation will be Wednesday, October 19, 2011 from 3:00-8:00 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Thursday, October 20, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home.

There will be an hour of visitation prior to the start of the service.

Officiating the funeral service will be Pastors Sherrie Long and Tom Novy.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Preferred memorials may be made to Wayne Center United Methodist Church.

Casket-bearers will be her grandsons Jeff, Doug, Phil, Andrew, Austin and Wayne Hasselman.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Patricia by Wednesday at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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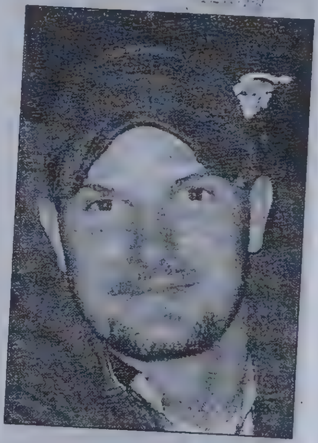
Chad Irvin Shepherd, 31



Chad Irvin Shepherd, age 31, of Ligonier passed away unexpectedly on October 12, 2011 at IU Goshen Health.

He was born on September 30, 1980 to Jan Woodworth and Irvin Shepherd Jr. in Goshen, IN.

Chad worked at Midwest Printing Equipment in Goshen, IN since 2008. He was a talented artist and loved to draw, was an avid sports fan, and was especially fond of the Chicago Bears and the Cubs. He also loved spending time with his family and friends and listening to Country Music.

He is survived by a daughter, Rylea Louise Shepherd; his mother, Jan (Mark) Woodworth of Wawaka; his father, Irvin Shepherd Jr. of David, KY; three sisters, Stacy (Mike) Hodge of Wawaka, Jill (Michael) Sparks of Fort Wayne, Tara (Tony) Mast of Marion.

A funeral service was held in Chad's honor on Sunday, October 16, 2011 with Brian Walter officiating.

A private cremation committal took place at Legacy Cremation & Remembrance Center in Ligonier.

Memorial contributions are to the Rylea Shepherd College Fund in care of Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN 46767.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com

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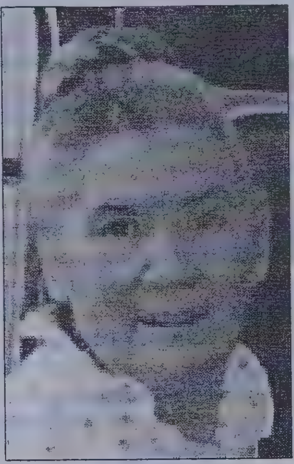
Helen Steele, 81



Helen Steele, age 81, of Ligonier passed away on October 11, 2011 at 5:25 PM at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

She was born on October 1, 1930 to Willie and Lillie M. (Crider) Brickey in Dorchester, VA. On May 3, 1947 she married Junis T. Steele. He preceded her in death on May 23, 2004.

Mrs. Steele was a dedicated and faithful member of the Apostolic Faith Church in Ligonier where she served as the treasurer from its inception in 1982 until 1998. She also served in the church as a Sunday school teacher.

Most of all, Helen loved her family and the life she was blessed with. She will be deeply missed but always remembered.

She is survived by one daughter, Mary Steele of Ligonier; four sons, Glen (Flo) Steele of Ligonier, Gary (Patricia) Steele of Kimmell, Randy Steele of Ligonier, Kevin Steele of Albion; one daughter-in-law, Rita Steele of Kimmell; 15 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; one brother, Lee Edward (Glenda) Brickey of Cromwell.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; one son, Thomas Steele; one great-granddaughter, Leah Grace Steele; two brothers, William Jr. and Jim Ray Brickey; and one sister, Jeanette Brickey.

There was a funeral service held in Mrs. Steele's honor on Saturday, October 15, 2011 at Apostolic Faith Church, 317 Pigeon St., Ligonier, IN 46767 with Pastor Joseph Brickey officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier. The pallbearers were her grandsons.

Memorial donations are to Apostolic Faith Church, 317 Pigeon St., Ligonier, IN 46767.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

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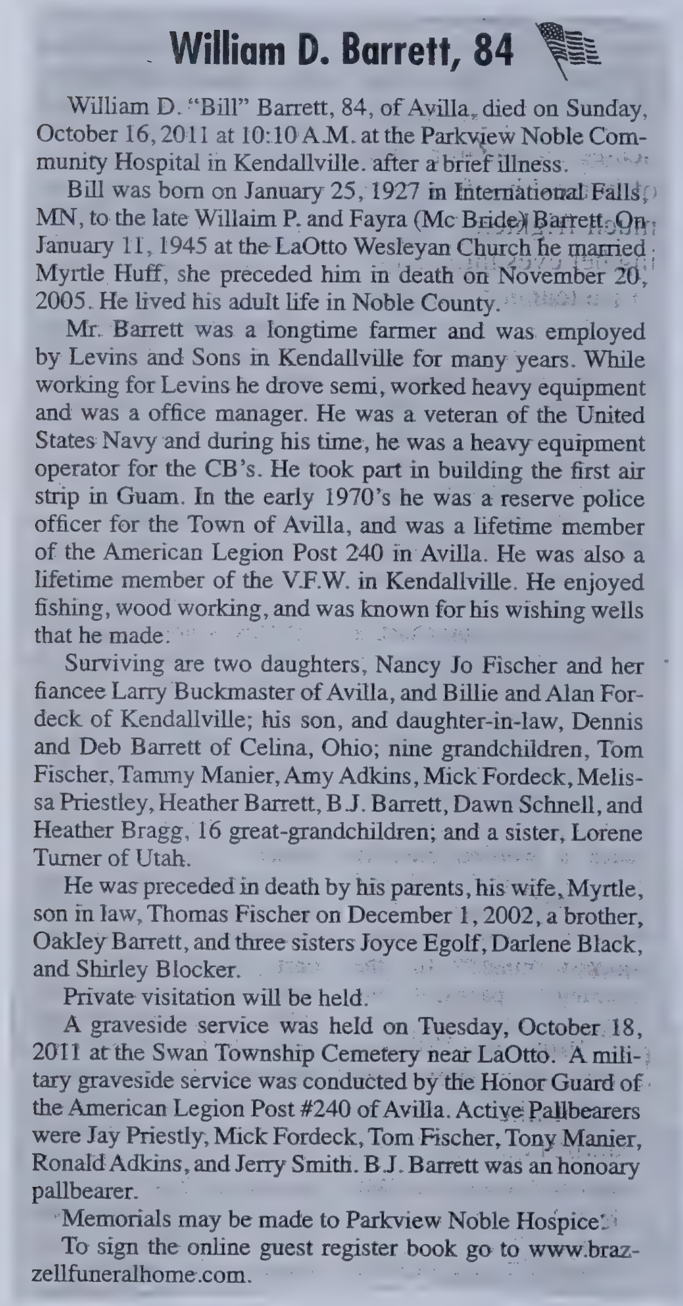

William D. Barrett, 84

William D. "Bill" Barrett, 84, of Avilla, died on Sunday, October 16, 2011 at 10:10 A.M. at the Parkview Noble Community Hospital in Kendallville. after a brief illness.

Bill was born on January 25, 1927 in International Falls, MN, to the late Willaim P. and Fayra (Mc Bride) Barrett. On January 11, 1945 at the LaOtto Wesleyan Church he married Myrtle Huff, she preceded him in death on November 20, 2005. He lived his adult life in Noble County.

Mr. Barrett was a longtime farmer and was employed by Levins and Sons in Kendallville for many years. While working for Levins he drove semi, worked heavy equipment and was a office manager. He was a veteran of the United States Navy and during his time, he was a heavy equipment operator for the CB's. He took part in building the first air strip in Guam. In the early 1970's he was a reserve police officer for the Town of Avilla, and was a lifetime member of the American Legion Post 240 in Avilla. He was also a lifetime member of the V.F.W. in Kendallville. He enjoyed fishing, wood working, and was known for his wishing wells that he made.

Surviving are two daughters, Nancy Jo Fischer and her fiancee Larry Buckmaster of Avilla, and Billie and Alan Fordeck of Kendallville; his son, and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Deb Barrett of Celina, Ohio; nine grandchildren, Tom Fischer, Tammy Manier, Amy Adkins, Mick Fordeck, Melissa Priestley, Heather Barrett, B.J. Barrett, Dawn Schnell, and Heather Bragg, 16 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Lorene Turner of Utah.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Myrtle, son in law, Thomas Fischer on December 1, 2002, a brother, Oakley Barrett, and three sisters Joyce Egolf, Darlene Black, and Shirley Blocker.

Private visitation will be held.

A graveside service was held on Tuesday, October 18, 2011 at the Swan Township Cemetery near LaOtto. A military graveside service was conducted by the Honor Guard of the American Legion Post #240 of Avilla. Active Pallbearers were Jay Priestly, Mick Fordeck, Tom Fischer, Tony Manier, Ronald Adkins, and Jerry Smith. B.J. Barrett was an honoary pallbearer.

Memorials may be made to Parkview Noble Hospice.

To sign the online guest register book go to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

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Jack E. Reidenbach, 89

Jack Edward Reidenbach, age 89, of Wawaka died on Sunday, October 16, 2011 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Reidenbach was born in Elkhart Township, Noble County, Indiana on December 29, 1921 to the late Edward Clayton and Opha (Russell) Reidenbach.

He graduated from Wawaka High School in 1940 and attended Indiana Central College for a short time.

He was married to Mary Kathryn Miller on October 8, 1944 at the Lutheran Church in Cromwell. She preceded his death on November 1, 2007 after 63 years of marriage.

Jack was a farmer and involved in agriculture all of his life.

He was elected to the office of Noble County Auditor and Noble County Recorder over a span of 12 years.

He also served as the Elkhart Township Trustee for about 8 years and a Noble County Councilman.

Jack and Mary enjoyed many winters together in Tavares, Florida and he loved fishing there.

They belonged to the 500 Card Club in Noble County for 63 years and were members of the Wawaka Church of the Brethren. He was also a member of the Noble County Gas and Steam Association and served on the Indiana Farm Bureau Board of Directors for about 60 years. Jack was also a Detroit Tiger fan.

Survivors include daughters, Vicki and Michael Kuker of Fort Wayne, Peggy Bricker of Kendallville; sons, Philip R. Reidenbach of Kimmell, John and Lynn Reidenbach of Wawaka; 13 grandchildren: Amy and James Gonzagowski of Fort Wayne, Angela and Gregory Samels of St. John, IN, Tonya Antonides of Auburn, Troy and Nicole Antonides of Kendallville, Tara and Todd Smith of Indianapolis, Jill and Mike Becker of Albion, Philip Jack and Kim Reidenbach of Cromwell, Christi and Ron Smith of Kimmell, Emily and Adam Tomlinson of Ligonier, Jackie and Tony Wilson of Zanesville, Ohio, Jennifer and Mike Bentley of Pierceton, Seth Reidenbach of Indianapolis and Sam Reidenbach of Wawaka; 18 great-grandchildren; sister, Marilyn Muhler of Fort Wayne; brother, Jay and Jean Reidenbach of Albion.

He was also preceded in death by a grandson, Aaron, who was stillborn and a sister, Jaunita Jamison.

Visitation will be Thursday, October 20th from 3:00-8:00 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Friday, October 21st at 11:00 a.m. at Wawaka Church of the Brethren.

There will be an hour of visitation before the service.

Officiating the funeral service will be Rev. Verne Leininger.

Burial will be at Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Preferred memorials may be made to Wawaka Church of the Brethren.

Casket-bearers will be his grandsons.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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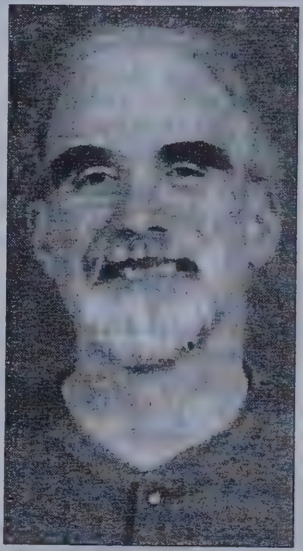
James M. Swartz, 61



James Marvin Swartz, age 61, of Auburn, died on Tuesday, October 11, 2011 at his daughter's residence Avilla.

Mr. Swartz was born in Kendallville on December 28, 1949 to the late Gerald Pete and Lois (Outlaw) Swartz.

He graduated from East Noble High School in 1970.

Jim worked for 38 years at Newnam Foundry in Kendallville until it closed March 2009.

Jim was committed to his family and he loved spending time with his grandkids. He believed in his family and loved going to all of their events. He also attended New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo.

In earlier days and throughout his high school years, Jim was an accomplished Golden Gloves boxer.

He was an athletic young man and enjoyed playing all kinds of sports. He especially loved to bowl, play baseball and football. The Chicago Bears and the New York Yankees were his favorite professional teams.

Later in life, Jim coached flag football at the YMCA and he coached Little League Youth Baseball in Kendallville.

He loved fishing and old movies. His father was a WWII veteran and Purple Heart recipient and Jim enjoyed WWII history and movies. He enjoyed building model tanks and planes from the war era.

Survivors include his sons, Seth Swartz and his girlfriend, Jessica Garrett, both of Waterloo, Jake and Lindsey Swartz of Avilla, and Drew Swartz of West Lafayette; daughter, Tracey Swartz of Avilla; five grandchildren: Joseph Kole Swartz, Jebadiah James Swartz, Leah Cecilia Marie Umphrey, Traneisha Nicole Gentry, and Traveon Carmello Gentry; brothers, Krag and Donna Swartz of St. Paul, Minnesota, and David and Kathy Swartz of Fort Wayne.

Memorial services were held Saturday, October 15, 2011 at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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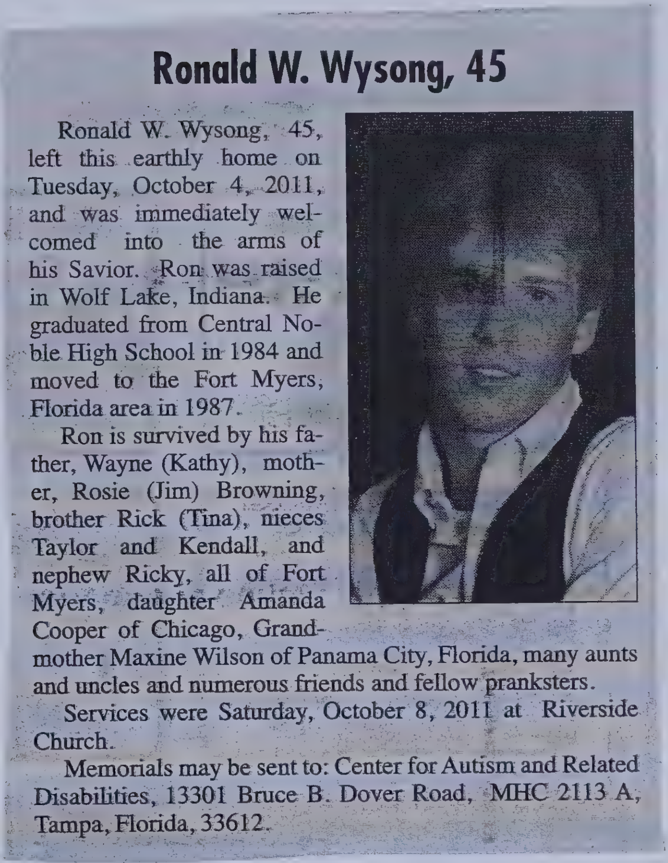

Ronald W. Wysong, 45

Ronald W. Wysong, 45, left this earthly home on Tuesday, October 4, 2011, and was immediately welcomed into the arms of his Savior. Ron was raised in Wolf Lake, Indiana. He graduated from Central Noble High School in 1984 and moved to the Fort Myers, Florida area in 1987.

Ron is survived by his father, Wayne (Kathy), mother, Rosie (Jim) Browning, brother Rick (Tina), nieces Taylor and Kendall, and nephew Ricky, all of Fort Myers, daughter Amanda Cooper of Chicago, Grandmother Maxine Wilson of Panama City, Florida, many aunts and uncles and numerous friends and fellow pranksters.

Services were Saturday, October 8, 2011 at Riverside Church.

Memorials may be sent to: Center for Autism and Related Disabilities, 13301 Bruce B. Dover Road, MHC 2113 A, Tampa, Florida, 33612.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
October 20, 2011, Thursday

John Walter

COLUMBIA CITY — John Robert Walter, 92, of Columbia City died Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2011, at his home.

Mr. Walter

Mr. Walter had been a nearly lifetime resident of Columbia City.

He was a 1937 graduate of Columbia City High School where he participated in the state champion ship band. He graduated from Manchester College in 1942. He received his graduate degree from Indiana University in Bloomington.

Mr. Walter taught and coached at Jefferson Center School in Whitley County, Northwestern High School near Kokomo, Petroleum, Pleasant Lake, Auburn, North Side and Northrop.

He was served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Mr. Walter was a member of the Blue River Church of the Brethren.

He was born Dec. 27, 1918, in Essex County, Ontario, Canada, to Albert "Sis" and Chloe Myrtle (Taylor) Walter. He married Madelyn M. Phend on Dec. 24, 1939. She survives.

Also surviving are two children, Cathy Lou Bewak of Fort Wayne and Larry Michael (Becky) Walter of Goose Lake; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Harold Walter.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Blue River Church of the Brethren, 3040 E. C.R. 700N, Columbia City, with visitation one hour prior to service. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Visitation will from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Jennifer Murdoch

BRADENTON, Fla. — Jennifer Henson Chapman Murdoch, 47, of Anna Maria Island died Oct. 12, 2011, from cancer.

Mrs. Murdoch

Mrs. Murdoch was a 1982 graduate of Angola High School.

She was born Sept. 15, 1964, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her husband, Peter Smith Murdoch of Bradenton, Fla.; her mother, Rae Ann Chapman; her grandparents, James F. and Phyllis Chapman Jr.; and two aunts and two uncles.

Richard Brown

KENDALLVILLE — Richard "Dick" Brown, 77, of Auburn died Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2011, in his residence.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

Linda Brown

GREER, S.C. — Linda Lou Brown of Greer died Monday, Oct. 17, 2011, at the Village of Pelham Hospital in Greer.

Surviving are her husband, Terry Brown of Greer; a son, Wade Brown; seven daughters, Trudy Tassell, Rosanna Sheley, Rhonda Miller, Nancy Danner, Lisa Johnson, DeAnn Brown, and Jenell Dixon; and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Brown Funeral Home in Greer.

THE NEWS SUN
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October 20, 2011, Thursday

Peter Bottomley

KENDALLVILLE — Peter Russell Bottomley, age 72, of Kendallville died on Tuesday, October 18, 2011, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Bottomley

Mr. Bottomley was born in Providence, Rhode Island, on April 10, 1939, to the late W.R. Bottomley and Lucy C. (Copeland) Bottomley.

He graduated from Pawtucket West High School in Rhode Island in 1957 and Defiance College in Defiance, Ohio, in 1966.

Pete completed his Master's of Music Education in 1969 from St. Francis University, Fort Wayne.

He married Janet E. Deitrick on June 17, 1961, in New Bavaria, Ohio.

Pete began his music teaching career at Hicksville High School in Hicksville, Ohio, in 1964.

He taught at Hicksville for four years and then began music instruction at East Noble High School in 1967.

Mr. Bottomley was the Director of Bands at East Noble until he retired in 1999.

He also was the Orchestra Director for East Noble Theatre and conducted many memorable productions over the span of more than three decades.

He remained very active in the world of music education after his retirement and continued teaching part-time at Holy Cross Lutheran Middle School in Fort Wayne for about two years.

Pete was also an "instrument fitter" for beginners in band. He worked at the Quinlan and Fabish Music Company in Fort Wayne for several years making sure that instruments fit youngsters properly.

He was a two-time Past President of the Indiana Bandmasters Association from 1985-87.

He served on the State of Indiana School Music Association board of directors from 1994-97.

He was a member of Phi Beta Mu Music Fraternity, Gamma Chapter.

He was a past member and 1980-81 past president of the Kendallville Rotary Club.

Pete was also a member of the Summit City Men's Barbershop Chorus for several years.

In his limited spare time, Pete enjoyed painting with water colors and spending time with his grandchildren.

He was also in the process of writing a book and was a faithful member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Parish in Kendallville where, in the past, he played the organ for Mass.

Survivors include his wife, Janet Bottomley of Kendallville; two sons, Rusty and Dana Bottomley of Center Point, Indiana, and Doug Bottomley of Kendallville; a daughter, Dr. Kim and Mark Harris of Brownsburg, Indiana; two grandchildren, Kansas Bottomley of Columbus, Indiana and her sisters, Chelsea and Ashley Certain of Kendallville, and Addison Bottomley of Auburn; two sisters, Linda Parsons of Rhode Island and Sarah Brooks of New Hampshire; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his only brother, William Bottomley.

Visitation for family and friends will be Friday, October 21, 2011, from 2-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. There will be a vigil service at 8 p.m. conducted by Father James Stoyle.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Saturday, October 22, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church at the corner of Oak and Diamond streets in Kendallville. Officiating the funeral Mass will be Father Stoyle.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Preferred memorials may be made to the Peter R. Bottomley Scholarship in care of the Noble County Community Foundation in Ligonier and the Peter R. Bottomley Band Program for Beginners.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Pete by Friday at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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Ellis Crum

KENDALLVILLE — Ellis J. Crum, 83, of Kendallville died Monday, Oct. 17, 2011, at 8:15 p.m. in Lutheran Life Villages, Kendallville.

Mr. Crum

Mr. Crum had lived in this area since 1958.

He was an evangelist, serving in churches in Connecticut, California, Windsor, Canada, and Kendallville. He was also a publisher of Sacred Selections. He was a missionary and went on several trips to Africa. He directed many tours to the Holy Land.

He was a member of the Kendallville Church of Christ.

He was born April 11, 1928, in Bloomington to Ellis J. and Marion Lucile (Rice) Crum. On Aug. 25, 1946, in Vincennes he married Norma N. Owens.

Surviving are his wife, Norma N. Crum of Kendallville; three daughters, Cheryl (Bob) Gammon of Bonne Terre, Mo., Janella (David) Turansky of Fort Wayne, and Beth (Matt) Imel of Indianapolis; two sons, Jay Crum of Indianapolis and Brent (Pam) Crum of Avon; and 13 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Larry Crum.

Funeral services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., with Steve Altman officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville, at a later date.

Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. today and one hour prior to services Friday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Ghana Mission.

View a video tribute after today or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Barry Monroe

WOLF LAKE — Barry Warren Monroe, age 41, died suddenly on Monday, October 17, 2011, at 3:30 p.m. at his home in Wolf Lake.

Mr. Monroe

He was born on March 9, 1970, in Wabash, Indiana, and was the son of Gary Monroe and Cynthia (Slater) Shepherd. Originally from North Manchester, he came to Wolf Lake 9 years ago from Ligonier.

On July 2, 1997 he married Georgia Collins at the Noble County Courthouse. She survives in Wolf Lake.

Mr. Monroe was a furnace operator at the Fort Wayne Foundry.

He loved fishing and snowmobiling, fixing cars and computers. He built model cars and trucks in his younger years.

Surviving are his wife, Georgia of Wolf Lake; his parents, Cindy Slater Shepherd of Warsaw and Gary Monroe of North Manchester; two daughters, Cassandra (Monroe) Zahn of Huntington and Amanda Collins of Wolf Lake; a son, Jeff Monroe of Wolf Lake; a brother, Brian Monroe of Akron, Indiana; a sister, Bethany Ann Woodrum of North Manchester; a grandson, Blake Collins; his paternal grandmother, Doris Monroe of North Manchester; his mother-in-law, Kitty Collins of Ligonier; and two nephews and a niece, Michael Monroe, Tyler Monroe and Rachel Hartsock.

Funeral services for Mr. Monroe will be Saturday, October 22, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Visitation will be on Friday evening from 4-8: p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial following will be at Wolf Lake Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Rob Smith, Jeff Monroe, John Schiefelbein, Michael Monroe, Lance Pulley and Dennis Dingess.

Go to brazzellfuneralhome.com to send online condolences.

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Lucile Hardy

FORT WAYNE — Lucile E Hardy, passed away Monday, October 17, 2011, at her home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Hardy

She was born November 23, 1919, in Auburn and was taught Christian values and the virtue of helping others by her parents Edgar and Bessie (Marks) Barley who preceded her in death.

Lucile graduated from Auburn High School and International Business College of Fort Wayne before marrying Richard Eldon Hardy on August 31, 1940, who preceded her in death on June 10, 2004, after 63 years of marriage.

Lucile became well known for her charity work and began volunteering at the county first aid station and food pantry. After WWII she was named volunteer chairperson of the DeKalb County Blood Mobile and gave nearly 50 years of volunteer service to the American Red Cross before serving 6 years as Executive Director of DeKalb County American Red Cross before retiring in 1999. The DeKalb County Christmas Bureau was her favorite Red Cross sponsored project and she was named DeKalb County Volunteer of the year in 1998, as well as recipient of the Jefferson Award for public service in 1999.

Lucile was an organizer for the first DeKalb County Focus on Health and founding member of the Auburn Home Extension Club. She belonged to the Indiana Federation of Clubs, serving as Secretary of the Northeast Indiana Zone and as DeKalb County President.

Lucile was a life long member of the Auburn First United Methodist Church. As a member, she served the church as a Brownie, Cub Scout and Girl Scout leader. She has served on the church's Mission Commission, has been a Sunday school teacher, church board member, the Wesleyan Circle chairperson and Youth Fellowship Councilor. She has received the church's Special Recognition from United Methodist Women award.

She was a member and past Worthy Matron of the Auburn Eastern Star and was a former member of the Auburn Women's Club.

Lucile is survived by a daughter Carol Ann Payton; son, Richard Hardy of Auburn; son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Kathleen Hardy of Auburn; a sister, Helen Houlton of Auburn; 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, October 22, 2011, at Auburn First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Ted Jansen officiating. Burial in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn and also 1 hour prior to the service at the church Saturday.

Preferred memorials can be directed to Auburn First United Methodist Church.

To send condolences visit www.fellerandclark.com.

James Riddle

GOSHEN — James Riddle, 84, of Goshen died Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2011, at Courtyard Healthcare.

Mr. Riddle

Mr. Riddle was a lifetime Goshen area resident.

He was a farmer and drove a truck for Frick Services for 30 years. He also worked nine years at Dana/Weatherhead and drove school bus for four years.

Mr. Riddle was a member of First Baptist Church, Elkhart.

He was born March 24, 1927, in Ligonier to Jess and Ruby (Frick) Riddle. He married Ida M. Yoder June 2, 1969, in Elkhart. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Connie Riddle of Sebring, Fla.; a son, David (Jackie) Riddle of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; three sisters, Janis (Charles) Ramer of Shipshewana, Virginia (Foster) Flint of Fort Myers, Fla., and Joan Reidenbach of Ligonier; and a brother, Carl (Kay Ann) Riddle, Albion.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Catherine Salzburn on Jan. 28, 1992; and a sister, Rosemary Halsey.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home in Goshen.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday with retired minister the Rev. Brooks Henry officiating

Burial will follow in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Memorial contributions may be made to Cross World Ministries.

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Florence Hancock

FREMONT — Florence Hancock, 88, of Fremont died Monday, Oct. 17, 2011, at the home of her daughter in Fremont.

Mrs. Hancock

Mrs. Hancock had been a secretary for many years prior to her retirement.

She was born March 21, 1923, in Commerce Township, Oakland County, Mich., to Arthur LaVerne and Merry Grace (Hoskins) Buell. She married William Glenn Hancock on Sept. 30, 1943. He died Nov. 2, 2007.

Surviving are three sons, Lowell G. (Libanos) Hancock of Canton, Ohio, Jack (Angela) Hancock of Fremont and Kirk (Irene) Hancock of Fremont; two daughters, Betty Hancock of Muncie and Mary (Dennis) Rider of Fremont; two sisters, Marilyn Goodrich of Walled Lake, Mich., and Cherie (Wayne) Thumser of Germfask, Mich.; 22 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a son, Paul Hancock; a grandson, William Joseph Hancock; and five brothers.

Funeral services will be at noon Saturday at Assembly of God in Angola with Pastor Ronald Moore officiating. Burial will be in Dygert Cemetery in Steuben County.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service Saturday at the church.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Sign a guestbook at www.weichtfh.com.

Jessie Haifley

ANGOLA — Jessie M Haifley, 85, of West Otter Lake, Angola, died Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2011, at Northern Lakes Nursing Home in Angola.

Mrs. Haifley

She was born Jan. 25, 1926, in Newville Township in DeKalb County to Floyd and Gay (Coburn) Roberts.

She worked at Rieke Corp. in Auburn for 19 years and was a nurses' aide at Cameron Hospital in Angola and McCray Hospital in Kendallville. She was a certified Home Health Aide with Compre Care Home Health for 15 years retiring in 1993.

She married Gerald Haifley on July 3, 1953, and he survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Ann and John Merritt of Waterloo; two sons, Dan Haifley of Angola and Jerry Haifley of Angola; brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Paula Roberts of St. Joe; 12 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sons, Michael Harris and James Harris; a daughter, Sharon Fitzcharles; and three grandchildren.

Services will be 3 p.m. Friday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Carl Dilley officiating.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Visitation is from noon until the service at 3 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb County Humane Society.

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Linda Sebring

ANGOLA — Linda D. Sebring, 66, of Angola died Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2011, at IU Medical Center in Indianapolis.

Mrs. Sebring was a retired librarian for Tri-State University and Carnegie Public Library and had substituted at several public schools. She had also taught for the Department of Defense in Germany.

She received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Purdue University.

Mrs. Sebring was a member of Fairview Missionary Church in Angola, Tri Kappa Sorority and several sewing clubs at Sewing Solutions.

She was born July 30, 1945, in Louisville, Ky., to Claude and Nelle (Harris) Davis. She married Lynn G. Sebring on July 31, 1975. He survives in Angola.

Also surviving are her father, Claude Davis of Princeton; two daughters, Karen McCrumb of Auburn and Amy and David McMillen of Angola; a brother, Bruce Davis of Princeton; two sisters, Claudia and Daniel Pear of Peru and Suzanne and Rich Rudman of West Lafayette; and eight grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Nelle Harris Davis; and a granddaughter, Michele McCrumb.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Fairview Missionary Church in Angola with the Rev. Norman Fuller officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery at Angola.

Visitation will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Memorials are to Melanoma Research Foundation (MRF), 1411 K. St. NW, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20005.

Sign a guestbook at www.weichtfh.com.

Ronald Dague

LAGRANGE — Ronald J. Dague of LaGrange died Thursday, Oct. 13, 2011. at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Visitation will be from 1-2 p.m. Saturday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home with military rites by American Legion Post 215.

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Richard Brown

AUBURN — Richard H. "Dick" Brown, 77, of Auburn passed away on Wednesday, October 19, 2011, at home.

Mr. Brown

He was born in Kearny, New Jersey, on February 2, 1934, to the late William Terry and Clara Mae (Rupp) Brown.

After graduating in 1952 from North Arlington, New Jersey High School, Mr. Brown entered the U.S. Navy and served four years in the submarines as fire control operator with deployment in the Mediterranean Sea.

He attended Monmouth College, Monmouth, Illinois, joined Sigma Phi Epsilon, majored in business and it is there he met his wife, Karen Johnsen. They married May 30, 1959, in Niles, Illinois.

They moved to New Jersey where he was employed by Ballentine Brewery in Newark. Automation eliminated his job and presented the opportunity to take a position with General Motors in Saginaw, Michigan, at Central Foundry. Most of his career he worked in accounting. When data processing came in and General Motors brought EDS, he moved to Saginaw Steering Gear until 1987. Downsizing began so Richard accepted a transfer to EDS's new facility in Herdon, Virginia. Richard retired from GM/EDS in 1994 after 30 years of service.

While in Saginaw, he was active in the General Motors golf league, Washington Society, and Gandy Dancers. Richard coached flag football and Little League baseball. He remained a New York Giant and Yankee fan his whole life.

After two years of retirement, his wife who was working for the CIA, took an assignment overseas, and they spent three years in New Delhi, India, and four years in Athens, Greece. This afforded him the opportunity to travel to many different countries in Europe, Australia and Africa. His wife retired in 2003, and they settled in Auburn where their three sons were living at that time.

Surviving are his wife, Karen Brown of Auburn; three sons, Eric (Sherry) Brown of Sabattus, Maine, Christopher Brown of Dothan, Alabama, and Scott (Beth Michael) Brown of Auburn; two grandsons, Joshua Brown of Fort Wayne, and Samuel Brown of Auburn; his step grandchildren, Darcy Flanagan, Carrie Flanagan and Matissee Flanagan all of Louisville, Kentucky; many nieces and nephews; and he was Papa to grandnieces, Madison and Natalie Schultis of Auburn.

Mr. Brown was preceded in death by brothers William T. and George W. Brown.

There will be no services or calling.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Phyllis McCoy

WOLF LAKE — Phyllis J. McCoy, 84, of Wolf Lake died Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2011, at her home.

Mrs. McCoy was a homemaker.

She had resided in Noble and Elkhart counties until moving to New Mexico in 1988. She returned to Wolf Lake in 1997.

Mrs. McCoy was a 1945 graduate of Wolf Lake High School.

She was born July 16, 1927, in Noble County to Orville J. and Lottie (Walburn) Strouse. She married Vearl E. McCoy on Oct. 18, 1947, at Blue River Church of the Brethren, Columbia City. He survives in Wolf Lake.

Also surviving are a daughter, Deidre Berkopes of Flat Rock; and a granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her parents and son, Danny Vearl McCoy.

A private graveside service will be held next week at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam, with funeral celebrant Randy Grimes officiating.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City is in charge of arrangements.

Send condolences or sign the guest register book at www.demoneygrimes.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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Louise Shanabarger

AVILLA — Louise J. (Muzzillo) Shanabarger, 91, an Auburn resident all her life, died Thursday, October 20, 2011, at Provena Sacred Heart Nursing Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Shanabarger

She was born November 29, 1919, in Auburn to Louis and Angeline (Catrina) Muzzillo. They have both passed away.

Louise worked as in inspector at Essex Corporation for 26 years before retiring in 1982.

She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn. She belonged to the Rosary Society of the church. She was a former Girl Scout Leader and member of the Women of the Moose.

Louise married Lee Shanabarger on January 5, 1946, in Auburn and he died September 11, 2007.

She is survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Sister Joyce L Shanabarger of Evanston, Ill., and Rita A. and John Lumm of Lexington, Ohio; two grandchildren, Ryan (Lori) Lumm of Delaware, Ohio, and Abby Lumm of Columbus, Ohio; three sisters, Erma Wappes of Auburn, Marjorie Weaver of Wabash and Susan (Douglas) Kelly of Auburn; two brothers, Wayne (Phyllis) Muzzillo of Auburn and Pete (Thais) Muzzillo of Sebring, Fla.; a sister-in-law, Janet Muzzillo of Auburn; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and three brothers Art, Ralph and Stanley Muzzillo.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. Monday, October 24, 2011, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn. Father Derek Sneyd will officiate. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn, and also 1 hour prior to the service at the church Monday.

Preferred memorials can be directed to Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla or American Diabetes Association.

To send condolences visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Clayton Preston

LIGONIER — Clayton Earl Preston, age 97, passed away on October 19, 2011, at 10:05 p.m. at North Ridge Village in Albion.

He was born on July 1, 1914, to Earl and Grace (Wald) Preston in Antwerp, Ohio. On February 6, 1937, he married Imogene Fought.

Mr. Preston moved to Ligonier in 1950 coming from Antwerp, Ohio. He was a farmer his entire life and it was his passion.

He was a member of the Ligonier United Methodist Church, a member and officer of Farm Bureau as well as the Production Credit Association.

Mr. Preston was also a Sunday school teacher and also served as the Sunday school superintendent for many years.

He is survived by his wife of 74 years, Imogene Preston of Ligonier; five children, Charlene (Sanford) Hooley of Ligonier, Karen (Jerry) Branham of Ligonier, Linda Burns of Orlando, Fla., Kevin (Candice) Preston of North Manchester, and Robert (Vicki) Preston of Ligonier; 11 grandchildren, Marty (Karen) Leamon, Monty Leamon, Sean (Sonya) Black, Kari Branham, Lorie (Joe) McColgan, Lane (Amy) Baker, Joseph Preston, James Preston, Sadie Preston, Clay Preston and Drew Preston; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Eileen Huebner and Wilma Simon.

There will be a funeral service held in Mr. Preston's honor on Sunday, October 23, 2011, at 2 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, Ind., with Pastor Byron Kaiser officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier, Ind.

A time of visitation will be held on Saturday, October 22, 2011, from 1-4 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions are to Ligonier United Methodist Church, 466 Townline Road, Ligonier.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

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Keith Wallace

LAGRANCE — Keith Erin Wallace, 46, of LaGrange died Wednesday, October 19, 2011, at 11:24 p.m. in his rural LaGrange County residence. He had been ill for eight weeks.

Mr. Wallace

He was employed at Champion Homes in Topeka for more than 15 years.

Keith loved the outdoors. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He was known by his friends as "turkey man" because of his expertise of hunting and calling in turkey.

He dearly loved and enjoyed his grandbabies. He will be missed by his family and his many friends.

He was born on February 5, 1965, in LaGrange County to Kenneth and Diana (Terry) Wallace.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley (Godsey) Wallace and they shared a deep love for over 27 years.

He is also survived by two daughters, Lindsey (Jess) Delancey of Angola and Kayla Wallace, at home; three brothers, Kevin Wallace of Albion, Shawn Wallace of Flagstaff, Arizona, and Jason Wallace of Corunna; a sister, Angie Fisher of Goshen; three grandchildren, Bailey, Lane and Logan Delancey; his mother and stepfather, Diana and Marion Shrock of Goshen; his stepmother, Sue Wallace of Fisty, Kentucky; eight nieces and nephews; and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Leon and Sophronia Godsey of Stroh.

He was preceded in death by a son, Rusty Wallace; his father, Kenneth Wallace; a brother, Kenneth Wallace Jr.; and his grandparents, Edna and Hershal Terry.

Funeral services will be Saturday, October 22, 2011, at 2 p.m. in Bethel Christian Baptist Church, Kendallville, with Pastor Wade Sturdivant officiating. Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery, LaGrange.

Honorary pallbearers will be Gavin Wallace and Reece Fisher. Active pallbearers will be Alan Terry, Tanner Terry, Luke Wallace, Jason Wallace, Ronnie Payne, Charlie Pettibone, Scott DeLong and Corey Combs.

Calling is today, Friday, October 21, 2011, from 4 to 10 p.m. at the church where there will be an evening service at 7 p.m. Calling will also be on Saturday from 11 a.m. until the time of service.

Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville, is in charge of arrangements.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Hugh Carroll

MIDDLEBURY — Hugh Carroll, 65, of Middlebury died Monday, Oct. 17, 2011, at his residence.

Private services were held at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

Betty McNall

COLDWATER, Mich. — Betty E. McNall, 73, of Coldwater died Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2011, at Laurel's of Coldwater.

Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola. Burial will be in California Cemetery in Branch County, Mich.

Visitation will be form 5-8 p.m. today at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Ronald Dague

LAGRANGE — Ronald J. Dague of LaGrange died Thursday, Oct. 13, 2011. at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Visitation will be from 1-2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home with military rites by American Legion Post 215.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
October 22, 2011, Saturday

Crash kills woman, 20

FROM STAFF REPORTS

AUBURN — An Indiana woman died in a crash involving four vehicles Friday at 7:17 a.m. on I-69 at mile marker 125, approximately one mile south of the C.R. 11-A interchange, the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department said..

Tiffany Ann Chamness, 20, of Monon died from head trauma, according to a news release.

Her 1994 Mazda two-door car was traveling south on I-69 in the passing lane when it went out of control, crossed the median and struck a northbound 2005 Peterbilt semi tractor driven by Connie Lee Cox, 63, of Charleston, Ill., police said

Chamness was ejected and landed in the northbound passing lane. Her car came to rest facing west in the median. Cox's rig stopped in the east berm.

Cox was not injured, but his rig sustained approximately $5,000 damage.

Two vehicles were struck by debris from the accident.

Drivers of those vehicles were not injured.

Ted Wayne Decker of Hamilton was driving south in a 2007 Chevrolet Avalanche. His SUV sustained approximately $1,000 damage.

Leigh Gordon Smith, 53, of Woodstock, Ga., was driving north on I-69. His 2007 Freightliner semi sustained approximately $1,000 damage.

County police were assisted by Indiana State Police, the Auburn Fire Department and DeKalb EMS personnel.

DAVE KURTZ

A tow truck operator prepares to haul the wreckage of a 1994 Mazda from the median of I-69 south of Auburn Friday morning. Its driver, Tiffany Ann Chamness, 20 of Monon, died when the car crossed the median and struck a semi.

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Ruby Hunt

RICHMOND — Ruby C. Hunt, age 95, of Richmond, went to be with the Lord Thursday, October 20, 2011, at Friends Fellowship Community.

Mrs. Hunt

Born September 11, 1916, in Covington, Indiana, to Homer J. and Florence N. Beckelhymer Coffing, she lived in the Richmond area for most of her life. She was a 1934 graduate of Perrysville High School in Perrysville, Indiana, and she attended Purdue University.

She volunteered as the manager of the gift shop at Reid Hospital for 20 years and also at the Townsend Center.

She was a member of Christ Presbyterian Church and Psi Iota Xi in Hagerstown.

Ruby enjoyed singing in choirs and Civic Theatre. She and her husband, Myron, traveled worldwide.

Survivors include her three daughters, Sheila H. (Paul) Nollen of Macomb, Illinois, Cheryl H. Sheeler of Auburn, Indiana, and Pamela H. Rommer of Centerville, Indiana; her son, Curtis N. (Ruth) Hunt of Catlin, Illinois; 10 grandchildren, Douglas Hunt (Kelly) of Carleton, Michigan, Laura Hunt of Champaign, Illinois, Marie Powell (Toby) of Indianapolis, Indiana, Nathan Nollen (Angie) of Pontiac, Illinois, Jennifer Ford of Auburn, Indiana, Tad Sheeler of Lake in the Hills, Illinois, Ben Sheeler of Auburn, Indiana, Jon Sheeler of Auburn, Indiana, Victoria Rommer of Chicago, Illinois, and Christine Rommer of Centerville, Indiana; seven great-grandchildren; her sister, Betty (Ray) Newnum of Evansville, Indiana; her sister-in-law, Winnie (Donald) Coffing; and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 72 years, Myron C. Hunt, who died on September 23, 2010; her parents; three sisters, Leah Louise Coffing, Mildred (Walter) Ahrens, and Anna Marie (Cliston) Ratcliff; two brothers, Donald Coffing and Charles Coffing; and son-in-law, Gary Sheeler.

Visitation for Ruby C. Hunt will be from 2-3 p.m. Sunday, October 23, 2011, at Christ Presbyterian Church, 350 Henley Road, Richmond.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, October 23, 2011, at Christ Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Bob Clark officiating. Burial will be in Lutherania Cemetery.

Arrangements are being handled by Doan & Mills Funeral Home, Richmond.

Memorial contributions may be made to Christ Presbyterian Church, 350 Henley Road, Richmond, IN 47374, or Marion Medical Mission, 1412 Shawnee Drive, Marion, IL 62959.

Doan & Mills Funeral Home, Richmond, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the guest book at www.doanmillsfuneralhome.com.

Deanna Gordon

FREMONT — Deanna J. "Dee" Gordon, 68, of Fremont died Thursday, Oct. 20, 2011, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Gordon had worked at Walmart in Angola and had been a bookkeeper for Kmart in Angola and also for the Milgrove Landscape Co.

She was a member of the Fremont Women of the Moose.

She was born Nov. 28, 1942, in Bryan, Ohio, to Robert and Mildred (Krepps) Shannon. She married Ronald Gordon on June 17, 1995.

Surviving are her mother, Mildred Shannon of Bryan, Ohio; her husband, Ronald Gordon of Fremont; two sons, Kevin Robinson of Fremont and Kris Robinson of Pleasant Lake; a daughter, Kelly Brown of Belleville, Ill; four stepsons, Paul Gordon of Pleasant Prairie, Wis., John Gordon of Kendallville, Roger Gordon of Avilla and Scott Gordon of Kendallville; a brother and sister-in-law, Gary and Rosemary Shannon of Gilford, N.H.; and nine grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, Robert Shannon; a son, Kraig Robinson; a sister, Shenda Manveval; and a stepson, Michael Gordon.

Memorial services will be at a later date.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46814 and Cameron Hospice, 416 E. Maumee St., Angola, IN 46703.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Sign a guestbook at www.weichtfh.com.

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Roger Greaf

GARRETT — Roger D. Greaf, 91, of Garrett, died on Thursday, October 20, 2011 at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Garrett.

Mr. Greaf

He was born October 30, 1919, in Jay County, Ind., near the area of Fairview in Wayne Township to the late Russell E. and Anna (Knab) Greaf.

He attended the Fairview grade school and graduated from Portland High School. He entered the U.S. Air Corps on February 12, 1942, and served until the end of World War II.

Roger was an engineer at Siecor Corp. and Corning until his retirement in 1986. He was a Lay Minister with the United Methodist Church for 41 years and a Sunday school teacher for over 50 years. He was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church, Masonic Lodge #537 in Garrett, Scottish Rite in Fort Wayne and North Indiana UMC Foundation Field Representative.

He married Ila Warner on April 16, 1993, and she survives in Garrett. Also surviving are his sons, Dr. William D. Greaf of Stony Brook, N.Y., and Steven D. Greaf (Lt. Colonel - USAR, Ret.) of Parkersburg, W.Va.; his stepsons, Dr. Barry McNamara and Dr. Craig McNamara of Montgomery, Ala., Dr. Tom Newbauer of Avon, Ind., and Joe Newbauer of Michigan; his stepdaughters, Karen Jo Renner of Fort Wayne and Marilyn Culler of Garrett; a brother, Paul E. Greaf of South Bend, Ind.; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Mary Catherine Armantrout Greaf, on July 4, 1987, and a brother, Harold Greaf.

The funeral service will be held on Monday, October 24, 2011, at 11 a.m. at the Garrett United Methodist Church and at 3 p.m. at the Green Park Cemetery Chapel in Portland, Ind., with Dr. Scott Shoaff officiating. Burial will follow in Green Park Cemetery.

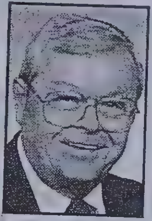
Visitation will be held on Sunday, October 23, 2011, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, and on Monday at the church from 10-11 a.m. A Masonic service will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Garrett United Methodist Church or Garrett High School Marching Band

To send a condolence or to sign the online guestbook visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Addison Dyer Jr.

NOBLESVILLE — Addison L. "Skip" Dyer Jr., 84, formally of Evansville, passed away Thursday, October 20, 2011, at Prairie Lakes Health Campus in Noblesville.


Mr. Dyer

He graduated from Princeton University School of Engineering with the class of 1951.

Mr. Dyer was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps serving in WWII.

Addison retired in 1994 from Fremont County Economic Development Corp. in Colorado.

He was a member of Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Green River Kiwanis, a former member of St. Thomas More Hospital Board of Directors and former long-term member of Rotary.

Addison was preceded in death by his wife, Julia Grace (Howard) Dyer, in 2010.

He is survived by his daughter, Jennifer (Paul) Auble of Noblesville; son ,Timothy Dyer of Fort Wayne; his grandchildren Jeffrey, Tyler and Kevin Auble, and Kelsi and Jared Dyer; and a sister, Miriam Dyer-Dunning of Amsterdam, N.Y.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m Monday, October 24, 2011, at Ziemer Funeral Home East Chapel, 800 S. Hebron Ave., Evansville, IN 47714.

Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday, October 24, 2011, at the funeral home with Father Bernard Etienne officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Salvation Army, 1040 N. Fulton Ave., Evansville, IN 47710 or Holy Rosary Catholic Church, 1301 S. Green River Road, Evansville, IN 47714.

Condolences may be made to the family online at www.ziemerfuneralhome.com.

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Ruth Connelly

LAGRANGE — Ruth I. Connelly, 91, of LaGrange died Thursday, Oct. 20, 2011, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

Mrs. Connelly

Mrs. Connelly was a co-owner and publisher of the Eastern Colorado Plainsman in Hugo, Colo. and the Eden Echo in Eden, Texas. She was also a homemaker.

She had moved to Hugo in 1964 from LaGrange and lived there until moving to Eden in 1970. She moved back to LaGrange in 2001.

Mrs. Connelly was a member of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in LaGrange.

She was born Nov. 3, 1919, in LaGrange to W. Verne and Myrta B. (Morrison) Beaty. She married Harold Connelly in LaGrange on June 3, 1937. He died Nov. 6, 2007.

Surviving are six daughters and sons-in-law, Evelyn and Gary Soblotne of LaGrange, Marilyn and James Poss of Noblesville, Carolyn and Robert Hlozek of The Woodlands, Texas, Janet and Lynn Lubke of Harlingen, Texas, Jackie and David Zarate of Carrollton, Texas and Elaine and Richard Jones-Zach of Tampa, Fla.; three sons and daughters-in-law, William and Charlette Connelly and Allen and Becky Connelly, all LaGrange, and James and Cindy Connelly of Greeley, Colo.; 19 grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; 11 stepgreat-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; four stepgreat-great-grandchildren; and a sister, Alice Kiehle of Paisley, Fla.

She was also preceded in death by three granddaughters, Shawn Hershman, and Karen and Kathleen Connelly; a grandson, Chandler Lubke; two stepgranddaughters; a stepgrandson; and three brothers, Paul, Donald, and Raphael Beaty.

Funeral services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, 797 N. Detroit St., LaGrange, with the Revs. Sandra Hutchens and Thomas McShannock officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Visitation will be held from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange.

Memorials are to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Charity French

ANGOLA — Charity M. French of Angola and formerly of Homer, Mich., passed away Thursday, October 20, 2011, at Allegiance Hospice Home in Jackson, Michigan.

She was born in 1954 to Charles and Zelleree Dillion in Prestonburg, Kentucky. She was married to Robert R. French who survives.

She was a volunteer police officer for a short time.

Charity loved doing crossword puzzles and watching movies.

Charity is survived by her husband, Robert R. French; sons, Robert C. (Becky) French of Homer and Joe French of Homer; two grandchildren; a sister, Evelyn (Mohammad) [illegible] of Quincy, Mich.; brothers, Ronnie (Eileen) Dillion, Millard Lee Dillion, Charles Dillion Jr. and Ricky Dillion, all of Homer; and a brother-in-law, Joe Spencer of Dixon, Ky.

She was preceded in death by her parents; an infant daughter, Shawn Marie Dillion; and a sister, Donna Spencer.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, October 23, 2011, at the J. Kevin Tidd Funeral Home, 811 Finley Drive, Albion, Mich. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery, Homer, Mich.

Visitation for family and friends will be today, Saturday, October 22, 2011, from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Allegiance Hospice Home.

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Gary Moore

EDON, Ohio — Gary D. Moore, 50, of Edon died Friday, October 21, 2011, at his home.

He had been a resident of Edon the past 13 years and prior to that had lived in Rome City, Ind.

Mr. Moore was a former coal miner and factory worker.

He was a member of the Charity United Baptist Church in LaGrange, Ind.

He was born June 15, 1961, in Franklin County, Ohio, to Robert James and Irene (Tuttle) Moore. He married Deb Rawlings on April 2, 2002. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Nicole (Lee) Mauk and Stacey Moore; five sons, Jeremy (Trichelle) Matthews, Timothy Moore, Dustin Martin, Aaron Moore and Austin Moore; 11 grandchildren; two sisters, Rosetta (Bobby) Spicer and Cathy Diehl; and four brothers, Ray (Betty) Moore, Rickie Lynn Moore, Bruce (Cindy) Tuttle and Travis (Teresa) Moore.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Richard and Roger.

Visitation will be from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday at the Krill Funeral Home, 204 W. Indiana St., Edon.

He will lie in state Sunday, October 23, after 5 p.m. at the Charity United Baptist Church in LaGrange, Ind.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in the Charity United Baptist Church, LaGrange with Pastor Terry Tuttle officiating. Interment will follow in Edon Cemetery, Edon.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association or Hospice of Williams County.

Nellie Hipshire

CROMWELL — Nellie Mae Hipshire, age 78, died on Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2011, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Visitation will be from 2-4 p.m. today at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Funeral services will be private.

Cremation will take place after the services.

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He was a mechanic extraordinare

Clarence Schmuck built many race cars

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KENDALLVILLE — He was a legend in the area stock car racing world, a family man and an unofficial greeter at Walmart in Kendallville who enjoyed talking to people.

Clarence Charles Schmuck, 93, of Kendallville died Saturday, Oct. 8, 2011, but his legacy lives on with those who remember his auto mechanic skills and car racing know how.

"The older he got, the better he got as a mechanic," said Harold Uhl Jr., who remembered as a 16-year-old working after school with Mr. Schmuck in the Schmuck and Uhl Garage. Uhl's father, Harold Uhl, and Schmuck owned the service station and garage at 122-129 W. William St. The building is still there, but no longer is a garage.

"He was pretty good. When he took apart an engine and put it back together, it was better than it was," Uhl said.

Mr. Schmuck's career in automobile mechanics began in 1941 with the Uhl Oil Co. In 1962, he joined Harold Uhl, and they owned and operated Schmuck and Uhl Garage. He also worked for a time for Campbell Chevrolet as a mechanic and service manager.

"Dad built his first race car engine while working for Campbell Chevrolet," recalled Mr. Schmuck's son, LeRoy. It was a six-cylinder Chevrolet at a time when most everyone used Ford flathead V-8 engines for racing. "I remember it sat on the floor next to his tool cabinet, and he would pour gasoline in the carburetor, start it, and show people how good it sounded."

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Clarence Schmuck was a legend in the area stock car racing community in the 1950s-1970s.

Mr. Schmuck started racing and building stock cars in 1953 and owned multiple championship cars. Many well-known area drivers raced in his cars, including Jesse Yates, Mike Kline, Joe Wallace, Howard Bice, Ken Bodenhafer, Hugh Eshelman and Cecil Wells. They raced all over in his cars at tracks such as the Noble County Fairgrounds, Avilla Motor Speedway, Angola Speedway and the Baer Field Raceway.

LeRoy recalled how his father and a friend pooled their money and bought a used race car from Ray Kline. They repainted it with a 4-inch paint brush and installed the Chevy engine in it. Cecil Wells drove it in races at the fairgrounds and Bryan, Ohio.

Schmuck also test-drove his race cars as quietly as he could on Noble County's back roads. "There was less traffic back then," remembered LeRoy.

The Rev. Sam Weimer, who presided over Mr. Schmuck's funeral, was one of his drivers.

"More than once he made me a race car motor," said Weimer. "It didn't matter if we finished second or third in a race and didn't get the checkered flag, he wanted to know why. He gave many of us young guys a boost to help us along in our passion for racing."

Mr. Schmuck was proud of those who drove his cars. He kept a scrapbook of his drivers' races. He was inducted into the Stock Car Racing Hall of Fame at the Avilla Motor Speedway and the Angola Speedway. After 33 years of racing, Schmuck retired from the sport in 1986.

He enjoyed watching NASCAR and driver Mark Martin's team. He knew Martin when his racing career was getting started in the area.

After his retirement, he developed a love for painting — particularly old antique saws, said his daughter, Brenda Conrad. He liked woodworking, and made several grandfather clocks, including a completed clock he donated to an auction in support of the Noble County Council on Aging.

Mr. Schmuck became an "unofficial" greeter at the Walmart store in Kendallville. He often sat in the entry area to pass the time and made many friends, said Conrad. The manager gave him a special Walmart hat.

Mr. Schmuck and his wife, Dalia Virginia Freed Schmuck, enjoyed nearly 58 years together. She preceded him in death in August 1999.

In addition to his son, LeRoy, and daughter, Brenda, he is survived by a son, Daryl, and a daughter, Phyllis Hall, three grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and a sister, Gertrude Arnold.

He was laid to rest in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

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Donald White

ORLAND — Donald P. White, 82, of Orland, died Oct. 21, 2011 at his residence in Orland. She was born April 22, 1929, in Silver Creek, N.Y. to Delos Daniel and Myrtle (Corwell) White. They preceded him in death.

Mr. White married Joan VanCleave on July 31, 1971, in Scott. She survives.

He retired in 1992 after 17 years of service from Multi Plex, Inc., Howe.

Mr. White survived by his wife, Joan White, of Orland, his children: Rick and Beth White, of LaPorte, Bonnie Moura, of Plymouth, Michael Lee Van Driessche, of Salisbury, Md., Harry Ray Van Driessche, Crown Point; Daniel D. White, of North Carolina, Cheryl Mollica, of Pittsburg, Pa., and Connie Beck, of McRocks, Pa., along with many grandchildren, many great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Mr. White

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, and one daughter: Donna VanDriessche.

There will be no visitation. A memorial service will be held 11 a.m., Saturday October 29, 2011 at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland. Memorials may be made to the Orland Fire Dept., Orland.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Frank Davis

ANGOLA — Frank Davis, 64, formerly of Hamilton died Friday, Oct. 21, 2011, at Northern Lakes Nursing Home in Angola.

Mr. Davis

He was born July 2, 1947, in Garrett to Lee and Polly (Miller) Davis, they have both passed away.

He was a 1965 graduate of Garrett High School and served in the U.S. Marine Corps in Vietnam. He owned and operated Davis and Son Construction for 30 years before retiring in 2005. He was a member of SonLight Church in Angola.

Frank is survived by five children, Frank Davis Jr. of Angola, Elizabeth Davis of Angola, Chrystal Davis of Angola, Jason Davis of Angola and Kathy (Brent) LeLand of Pleasant Lake; 14 grandchildren; and two sisters, Patricia Hendrickson of Auburn and Wanda Davis of Garrett.

Services will be 11 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 27, 2011, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery, Kendallville. Calling is 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials can be directed to the family c/o Kathy Leland. To send condolences visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Norma Robinson

KENDALLVILLE — Norma Robinson, 81, of Kendallville, died Saturday at Canterbury Nursing Home in Fort Wayne. Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Phyllis Holloway

FORT WAYNE — Phyllis A. Holloway, 73, a resident of Fort Wayne and formerly of Blue Lake near Churubusco, died at her home on Friday, Oct. 21, 2011.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Rev. Corinne Boruff-Stucker, pastor of Churubusco United Methodist Church, officiating.

Calling will be Monday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home and one hour prior to the service Tuesday. Burial will be in the Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne. Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

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Robert Brown

LAGRANGE — Robert Brown, 83, of LaGrange, died Saturday, October 22, 2011, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Mr. Brown retired in 1972 from the United States Army as a sergeant major and as a veteran having served in World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. Mr. Brown had worked as an inspector for 10 years with the Pennsylvania Railroad in Logansport, and taught ROTC, military history and coached the rifle team at The University of South Dakota from 1967-1969. In 1970, he moved to LaGrange County to work for Howe Military School in Howe, and worked as a history teacher and a rifle instructor until his retirement in 1976.

Mr. Brown

Mr. Brown was a member of Meridian Sun Lodge No. 76 F. & A.M. in LaGrange, Mizpah Temple in Fort Wayne, LaGrange County Shrine Club, Sylvan Chapter No. 251 Order of Eastern Star in LaGrange, and Walton American Legion Post No. 418 in Walton.

Mr. Brown was born on October 7, 1928 in Bowen, KY to Oscar and Cleda (Hatton) Brown. They preceded him in death.

On December 13, 1975 in Howe, he married Nancy J. Aldrich. Mrs. Brown survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Linda Olson of Vermillion, SD and Tammy and Chris Wells of Fort Wayne; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Dudley and Penny Brown of Sturgis, Mich. and Richard Brown of LaGrange; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; four sisters and three brothers-in-law, Juanita and Tom Watson of Logansport, Sue and Bob Mordenti of Delphi, Margie Brown of Walton, and Joanie and Joe Diaz of Holland, Mich.; and three brothers and sisters-in-law, Tom and Elaine Brown of Logansport, Charles and Connie Brown of Walton, and Al and Sandy Brown of Delphi.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, October 26, 2011 at 10 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with Rev. George Weister officiating.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, October 25, 2011 from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home with a Masonic Service at 7:30 p.m. conducted by the Meridian Sun Lodge No. 76 F. & A.M.

Burial will take place in Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va. at a later date.

Memorials may be made to Shriner's Hospital for Children.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Monroe Yoder

SHIPSHEWANA — Monroe W. Yoder, 83, of Shipshewana, died at 4:45 a.m., on Saturday, Oct. 22, at his residence.

Visitation will be all day Sunday, Oct. 23, at the family residence, 11965 W. 200 S. Shipshewana. Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 24, also at the family residence. Services will be conducted by Bishop Orla D. Miller and home ministers. Burial will be in Bontrager Cemetery, Middlebury.

William Goldner

PLEASANT LAKE — William A. "Bill" Goldner, 71, Pleasant Lake, died Saturday, Oct. 22, 2011, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. A full obituary will appear Monday.

Jerry Reynolds

CHURUBUSCO — Jerry Cee Reynolds, 68, a resident of Churubusco, passed away at 9:49 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 21, 2011, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne, afte a long illness.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2011, at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with military rites by U. S. Army Funeral Detail. There will b calling from 1-3 p.m. on Wednesday at the Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to Churubusco United Methodist Church Food Pantry, 250 N. Main St., Churubusco, IN 46723.

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Dr. Don Smith

FORT WAYNE — Dr. Don H. Smith, of Fort Wayne, 66, had recently moved to Port Washington, Wis., passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2011, in Port Washington.

Dr. Smith

Don is survived by his wife, Jamie, of Fort Wayne, who dearly misses her soul mate. They were married in Mansfield, Ohio, in 1998.

He is further survived by his children: Devin Owain Neal (Kristen) Howard-Smith of Columbus, Ohio, and Dr. Deirdre (Josh) Amaro of San Diego, Calif., two step-daughters: Julia (Justin) Behm of Port Washington, Wis., and Andrea (Tom) Gingery of Athens, Ohio; his three grandchildren: Curran and Anneke Howard-Smith and Estelle Behm; two brothers: Kenneth W. (Pat) Smith of Fairfax, Va., and Kerry C. Smith of Bishop, Calif., and many other relatives, friends, colleagues and patients. He was previously married to Donna Erickson, Ph.D.

Don was born in Dallas, Texas, on Dec. 19, 1944, the son of Kenneth Smith and Katherine White Smith. He grew up Live Oak, Fla. and Fairfax, Va.. Don served his country during the Vietnam era as a major in the U.S. Army Special Forces and was honorably discharged after six years. He was stationed in Thailand and helped develop a medical facility in the town of Lop Buri.

Don attended Ohio Wesleyan University, Waseda University in Tokyo and received his medical degree from Yale University School of Medicine where his doctoral thesis was on West Nile Virus. He was also a junior research fellow at Yale Arbovirus Research Unit where Don was based in Ibadan, Nigeria. Don was a board certified psychiatrist practicing both inpatient and outpatient and prison psychiatry. He most recently worked with the Michigan Prison System, and also at the Northeastern Center in Indiana. He previously worked at Parkview Behavioral Health and at the Fort Wayne State Developmental Center. Don had just started a new position as psychiatrist at Aurora Sheboygan Clinic in Wisconsin. Don loved his work with patients. Don was captain of the Ohio Wesleyan University Wrestling Team from 1964-1966.

A life passion was judo and Don obtained his black belt from the Kodokan in Japan, was jujitsu instructor and in 2009, Don felt quite honored to have won the silver medal at the World Masters Judo Tournament in Atlanta, Ga. Don also belonged to MENSA, Intertel, Phi Beta Kappa, AmVets, American Legion and VFW. Don was an avid reader and enjoyed a profound literary collection. It was rare to find him without a book in hand.

Observances will be held at the D.O. McCombs and Sons Funeral Home, 1320 East Dupont Road, Fort Wayne. Visitation will be held on Friday, Oct. 28, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. and on Saturday, Oct. 29 there will be visitation beginning at 1 p.m. with services at 2 p.m. In honor of Don's memory, flowers or contributions may be made to D.O. McCombs Funeral Home. Suggested contributions are to National Alliance of Mentally Ill or to Disabled American Veterans.

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Charles Smith

KENDALLVILLE — Charles Newton "Bud" Smith, 91, of Kendallville, died Friday, Oct. 21, 2011, in Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla, where he had resided since Monday.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, October 26, 2011, at 11 a.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 South State St., Kendallville with Rev. Paul B. Griebel officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville. Calling is Tuesday, October 25, 2011, from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home and one hour prior to services on Wednesday.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church, 301 South Oak St., Kendallville, IN 46755.

A full obituary will appear Monday.

Steven Bosler

LEO — Steven Mark Bosler Sr., 51, passed away at home Thursday, Oct. 20, 2011.

Memorial services will be held at 3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 29, 2011 at Harvest Fellowship Church, Leo with calling after 1 p.m. Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson is in charge of arrangments.

Reese Small

SYRACUSE — Reese A. Small, 73, of Ligonier, passed away at 2:22 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 21, 2011, at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Tuesday, October 25, 2011 at Owen Family Funeral Home, 1001 S. Huntington St., Syracuse, IN. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, October 26, 2011 at the funeral home with Pastor Jimmy Shepherd of the Shiloh Bible Baptist Church officiating. Burial will follow in the Syracuse Cemetery.

Memorial bequest may be given to the American Heart Association, 6100 W. 96th St., Indianapolis, IN 46278 or the American Stroke Association, 7272 Greenville Ave., Dallas, TX 75231.

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Paul Medsker

Mr. Medsker

GREENFIELD — Paul Medsker, 86, of Greenfield and formerly of Portland, Ligonier, and Muncie died Friday at the Hancock Regional Hospital in Greenfield following an extended illness.

Paul was born May 19, 1925, in Allen County, the son of Curtis and Tillie (Leininger) Medsker. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and served during World War II. He graduated from Ivy Tech Community College earning a degree in engineering. He retired in 1987 from Johnson Controls in Goshen as chief engineer after 37 years. He was a member of the University Christian Church in Muncie and the Ligonier Masonic Lodge, and past member of the Ligonier Elks.

Paul was married to Devonna Miller in 1946. She died in 1994. He then married Kathleen (Greaf) Prescott in 1995.

Survivors include his wife, Kathleen Medsker of Greenfield; one son, Robert Medsker (Sheila) of Palantine, Ill.; one daughter, Catherine (Miller) Stiebeling (Larry) of Fort Wayne; two stepdaughters, Becky Lowe (Grant) of Greenfield and Sharon Wright (Lloyd) of Portland; two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren; and seven step-great-grandchildren.

Calling will be Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. at the Williamson and Spencer Funeral Home in Portland.

Funeral services will held on Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in the Williamson and Spencer Funeral Home, Portland. Steve Huddleson will officiate. Graveside services will be held at 3 p.m. on Wednesday at the Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier with Rev. Byron Kaiser officiating.

Memorials directed to Hemophilia of Indiana or Autism Awareness.

Online condolences may be sent to www. williamson-spencer.com

Jack Moats

AUBURN — Jack D. Moats, 94 of Auburn died Saturday, Oct. 22, 2011, at Parkview North Hospital.

Arrangements are pending at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

Betty Saggars

LIGONIER — Betty J. Saggars, 91, of Ligonier died Sunday, Oct. 23, 2011, at North Ridge Village, Albion.

Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Deloris May

Mrs. May

AUBURN — Deloris May, 90, of Auburn died Saturday Oct. 22, 2011, at DeKalb Health in Auburn.

She was born Jan. 16, 1921, in Bryan, Ohio to Garcia and Rosa Bernice (Mavis) DeLong. They preceded her in death.

She was a homemaker.

She married Richard E. May on July 4, 1939, in Coldwater, Mich. He died Aug. 7, 1980.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Mary May of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Owen and Dennis Ruhl.

Services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn, with calling Monday from 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Farmer Cemetery, Farmer, Ohio.

Memorials are to New Hope Ministries, Warren. To send condolences visit www.fellerandclark.com.

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Dolores Harshman

KENDALLVILLE — Dolores M. Harshman, 89, of Kendallville and formerly of Decatur passed away at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 22, 2011, at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

Mrs. Harshman

She was born on Oct. 1, 1922, in Decatur to the late Frank J. and Mary (Geimer) Bentz; she was one of their 11 children. She married Dale R. Harshman on Aug. 22, 1942; he passed away in 1996.

They purchased a 40-acre farm east of Decatur, after starting out in a tiny apartment. They had a son Dale R. Harshman Jr., who went to be with the Lord early in life.

After Dale Jr.'s passing, they adopted and raised two daughters and a son; they all survive. They are Cheryl Black of Kendallville, Roger D. (Marsha) Harshman of Avilla, and Brenda (Jim) Parrish of Decatur. She is also survived by a sister, Marcille (Bentz) Coyne of Decatur; 10 grandchildren, Christopher J. Heimann, Melinda S. (John) Squier, Caryn (Dave) Thompson, J.R. (Case) Parrish, Lara (Case) Parrish, Amanda Parrish, Amie Parrish, Shannon M. Hippenhammer, Shane M. Harshman, Melissa L. (Brandon) DePoy; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Aside from her husband and son, she was also preceded in death by her brothers and sisters Agnes (Bentz) Buffenbarger, Irene Bentz, Herman Bentz, Al Bentz, Esther (Bentz) Egly, Lee Bentz, Ed Bentz, Estella (Bentz) Tester, and Frances Bentz.

Dolores was a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Decatur and of the Women of St. Mary's.

After celebrating her 50th wedding anniversary, she retired from General Electric in Decatur to spend time with her grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. today, Monday, Oct. 24, 2011, with a reciting of the Holy Rosary at 3:30 p.m. at Haggard-Sefton & Hirschy Funeral Home, Decatur.

A 9:20 a.m. prayer service will be held at Haggard-Sefton & Hirschy Funeral Home on Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2011, followed by a 10 a.m. Mass of Christian burial at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church. Officiating will be Father Gabriel Msuya and burial will take place in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville or Visiting Nurse Home Health & Hospice in Fort Wayne.

To sign our guest book, click on www.haggardandsefton.com

Daniel McCann

LAGRANGE —Daniel J. McCann, 59, of LaGrange, died, Saturday, Oct. 22, 2011, at Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange.

He was a carpenter and a lifetime area resident. He was also a member of Helmer United Methodist Church.

Mr. McCann

Daniel was born on July 28, 1952, in LaGrange to Walter E. and Ruby (Diehm) McCann.

Surviving him are two sons, Joshua McCann of LaGrange and Justin McCann of Howe; two grandchildren, Mason and Madalyn; a sister, Alice Walker of Nancy, Ky.; a brother and sister-in-law, Walter and Sharon McCann of Howe; a sister-in-law, Pat Rice of Centreville, Mich.; an aunt, Garcile Brandenberry of Corunna; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death are his parents and a brother, Larry McCann.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 28, 2011, at the Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange. The Rev. Steve Brittenham will officiate. Burial will take place at Brighton Cemetery, Howe.

Visitation will be on Thursday, Oct. 27, 2011, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be contributed to the American Cancer Society.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com

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Rick Hammer

HUDSON — Rick A. Hammer, 59, of Hudson died Thursday, Oct. 20, 2011 in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hammer

He was born Aug. 26, 1952, in New Castle to Chester and Joann (Smith) Hammer.

Mr. Hammer was a school teacher for Prairie Heights School System for 35 years starting in 1975. He retired after the 2010-2011 school year. He worked recently as a part-time teacher at Ivy Tech in Fort Wayne. He was very active in the Prairie Heights Athletic Department where he coached basketball, baseball, football and track.

He attended the Angola Seventh Day Adventist Church, Angola.

Surviving are his mother, Joann (Smith) Hammer of Shirley; one son, Rick A. Hammer of Plainfield, Ill.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Laura and Derek Swanson of St. Petersburg, Fla., and Lindsay and Daniel Dale of Ashley; two brothers and sisters-in-law, his twin brother, Richard, and Holly Hammer of Indianapolis and Jeff and Jeannette Hammer of Indianapolis; and three sisters and brothers-in-law, Teresa and Wendell Hester of Shirley, Kathy and John Hancock of Greenwood, and Karen and Brian Jeffries of Greenfield.

He was preceded in death by his father, Chester Hammer, who died in 2005.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Michael D. Booher, minister, officiating. Calling will be from 4-8 p.m., Tuesday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Services also will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Condo and Sons Funeral Home, Wilkinson with Fred Girdwood officiating. Burial will be in McCray Cemetery, Wilkinson. Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday at Condo and Sons Funeral Home, Wilkinson.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

You may sign the guestbook at www.weichtfh.com

Thomas Fraley

FREMONT — Thomas R. "Tom" Fraley, 88, of Fremont died Saturday, Oct. 22, 2011, at his residence

Mr. Fraley

He was born May 28, 1923, in McGuffey, Ohio, to James and Laura (Salyers) Fraley; they preceded him in death. He married Nettie E. (McClurg) on Oct. 11, 1965; she preceded him in death in 1978.

Mr. Fraley retired in 1982 from Dana-Weatherhead, Angola, after 37 years of service.

He was a U. S. Army World War II veteran and supporter of the wounded soldier programs. He was a 30-year member of the Orland American Legion, and a member of the Clear Lake Lions Club.

Survivors are nephews Larry and Diane Fraley of Pleasant Lake, and Bill and Sharon Fraley of Angola; nieces Wendy and Howard Petre of Angola, Christine Fraley of Pace, Fla., Kay and Bill Lisenby of Milton, Fla., and Renea Walters of Angola; and many other nieces and nephews.

He was preceded In death by his wife, Nettie Fraley; his parents; two nephews, Gary Thomas Fraley in 1967, Willy Howard in 2002; four sisters; and nine brothers

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to noon Wednesday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. Funeral services will be at noon Wednesday at the funeral home, with Pastor Alan LaRue and Pastor Nathan Powell officiating.

Burial will be at Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont, with military committal services conducted by members of the Fremont American Legion Post.

Memorials are to the Wounded Warriors Program or Cameron Hospice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com

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Charles Smith

AVILLA — Charles Newton "Bud" Smith, 91 of Kendallville died Friday, October 21, 2011, in Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla where he had resided since Monday.

Mr. Smith was a lifetime area resident.

He was the sales manager for Coffey Oldsmobile in Kendallville from 1952 to 1967. He and his wife owned and operated the Dairy Queen in Auburn from 1967 until their retirement in 1980.

Bud was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

Mr. Smith

He was born September 16, 1920, in Kendallville to Claude T. and Nellie M. (Waldron) Smith. On January 23, 1942, at Zion Lutheran Church, West Fairfield, he married Ruth A. Carter.

Surviving are his wife, Ruth A. Smith of Kendallville; three daughters, Melinda "Linda" Napier of Campton, Kentucky, Sherrill "Sherry" Vaughn of Shipshewana, and Pamela "Pam" Hanes of Waterloo; two sons, Charles Carter Smith of Waterloo and Kendall Smith of Kendallville; 11 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; one great-great grandson; three brothers, Bob (Mary) Smith of Florida, Jim Smith of Fort Wayne, and Bill (Barb) Smith of Columbia City; and a sister-in-law, Doris Smith of Avilla.

He was preceded in death by two sons-in-law, Rex Vaughn and Earl Napier; two sisters, Arcille Skelley and Katherine Hasselman; and two brothers, Harold Smith and Lauren Smith.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, October 26, 2011, at 11 a.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 South State St., Kendallville with Rev. Paul B. Griebel officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is Tuesday, October 25, 2011, from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home and one hour prior to services on Wednesday.

Preferred memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church, 301 South Oak St., Kendallville, Indiana, 46755.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

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William Goldner

PLEASANT LAKE — William A. "Bill" Goldner, 71, of Pleasant Lake went to be with his Lord, Jesus Christ on Friday, Oct. 22, 2011, after many years of illness.

Mr. Goldner

He was born on Oct. 4, 1940, to Charles E. and Alene B. (Jarrett) Goldner in Benton Harbor, Mich. He was a resident of Michigan for 65 years before moving to Indiana six years ago. Bill married Janet May (Gould) Hullinger Goldner on Dec. 19, 1987.

Mr. Goldner worked for 37 years at Benton Harbor Engineering in Benton Harbor, Mich., before retiring.

He attended Fairview Missionary Church in Angola. Bill loved going hunting and fishing. He was a great storyteller. But most of all he loved spending time with his family.

Bill is survived by his wife Janet May Gould Hullinger Goldner of Pleasant Lake; two daughters and sons-in-law, Rhonda and Todd Yore of Covert, Mich. and Michele and Randy Elder of Marco Island, Fla.; one stepson, Richard "Kevin" Hullinger of Angola; one stepdaughter and stepson-in-law, Sherrie and Mark Dempsey of Pleasant Lake; one brother and sister-in-law, Jerry and Betty Goldner of Texas; one sister and brother-in-law, Linda and Frank Smith of Watervliet, Mich.; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Mary Immoos Goldner; one son, Vincent Goldner; and one brother, Charles "Chuck" Goldner.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2011, at Fairview Missionary Church, Angola, with the Rev. Norman Fuller officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Steuben County. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials may be made to Fairview Missionary Church, Angola.

You may sign the guest book at www.weichtfh.com. Arrangements were handled by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

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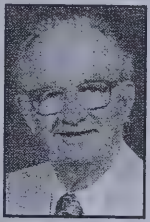
Jack Moats

AUBURN — Jack Denis Moats, 94, of Auburn, Ind., died at Parkview North Hospital Saturday, October 22, 2011.



Mr. Moats

Jack was born in Garrett, Ind., on July 7, 1917, the son of Forrest H. and Georgia Marie (Snyder) Moats.

He graduated from Garrett High School in 1935, where he excelled in both football and basketball.

Jack joined the Navy, where he served aboard the aircraft carrier USS Saratoga as a Water Tender. He was discharged in 1939 and began his career on the B&O Railroad as a fireman. He answered the call to again serve his country in 1941, when he reported to duty in Norfolk, Va., aboard the USS WestPoint. The WestPoint was being converted from a luxury liner to a troop transport and Jack was part of the crew that put the ship into commission. He served on the WestPoint from 1941-1945, carrying troops and even nurses to both the European and Asian theatres of war.

Jack married his hometown sweetheart, Ferne Zimmerman, on June 25, 1944, in Garrett, before returning to service on the WestPoint until the war ended in 1945, achieving the rate/rank of Chief Water Tender. The ship was in Singapore during the Japanese bombing and miraculously escaped, unscathed, transporting the British civilians who lived there to safety. He had many interesting tales to tell of his time aboard the WestPoint.

Following the war, Jack returned to work on the B&O where he retired as an engineer in 1982. He is one of the last, if not the last, of a group of B&O railroad engineers that made the transition from steam engines to diesels. He was selected, shortly before his retirement, to engineer a renovated steam engine, which was headed east on a tour, from Chicago to Garrett. Also a licensed embalmer, Jack assisted his brother-in-law, Forrest Zimmerman, at the Zimmerman Funeral Home in Garrett.

Jack was a member of the Masonic Lodge, the Elks Lodge, the American Legion, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the Garrett Alumni Association. He was also a member of the First United Methodist Church in Auburn. He enjoyed playing golf, until losing his sight, Garrett athletics, and IU football and basketball. Jack was one of IU play-by-play announcer Don Fischer's biggest fans.

He also loved to attend his ship's reunions. He and Ferne were able to attend most of them from 1971-2010 and established many wonderful friendships. A defining moment was when he was able to attend the long overdue WWII Memorial, while attending a reunion at Arlington, Va., in 2005. He also cherished a ride in the steam engine on the Sugar Line Railroad, which was a logging railroad in Yosemite National Park in 2008, as well as a trip up Pike's Peak with his family in 2006.

He was a true patriot and a wonderful husband and father.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Gwen Steigmeyer and Jeanette Balthazar.

Jack is survived by his wife of 67 years, Ferne; a son John of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Margaret and Jay Hall of Raleigh, N.C., and one granddaughter, Megan Hall, also of Raleigh.

Funeral arrangements will be handled by Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett.

Visitation will be on Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. The funeral service will be officiated by the Rev. Wilbur Yates, at the funeral home, on Thursday at 11 a.m. A military graveside service will follow at Christian Union Cemetery.

Memorials should be directed to the First United Methodist Church in Auburn or to the organization of the donor's choice.

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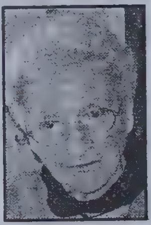
Lenora Hoffman

AUBURN — Lenora E. Hoffman, 91, of Auburn, went to be with her Lord on Sunday, October 23, 2011, at DeKalb Health in Auburn.



Mrs. Hoffman

Mrs. Hoffman retired from Magnavox in Fort Wayne. She was also a homemaker.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Garrett.

Lenora made friends everywhere she went and never knew a stranger. She loved her flowers, gardening, cats, and her horse. She was famous for her homemade candy, was a great cook, and was also a traditional old fashion farm woman. She was a great card player.

Lenora was a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She was loved by all and will be missed by many.

She was born April 14, 1920, in Churubusco to Newton and Flossie (Fulk) Killworth.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Sharon and Gary George of Garrett, and Colleen and Don Alwood of Auburn; four grandchildren, Dawn Walters, Tim Alwood, Mark George, and Michael George; nine great-grandchildren, Tyler Walters, Travis Grocock, Nicholas Howard, Marissa George, Kristen George, Calvin George, Claire George, Clayton George, and Cailyn George; a great-great granddaughter, Mea Grocock; and a brother, Ralph Killworth of Churubusco.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Basil D. Hoffman; a son, Thomas Hoffman; a sister, Helen Yant; and two brothers, Albert Killworth and Earl Killworth.

A graveside service will take place at 11 a.m. Thursday at Eel River Cemetery, 11006 Carroll Road, Churubusco, Indiana, with Pastor Tom Wilcoxson officiating.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

Memorials may be directed to The Church at Garrett, 1370 S. Randolph St., Garrett, Indiana, 46738 or DeKalb County Humane Shelter, 5221 U.S. 6, Butler, Indiana, 46721.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Phyllis Winebrenner-Dubea

COLUMBIA CITY — Phyllis E. Winebrenner-Dubea, 87, formerly of Merriam and Columbia City died Sunday, Oct. 23, 2011, at her son's home in rural Bluffton.

Mrs. Winebrenner-Dubea

She had also lived in Topeka, Ligonier, Auburn, Garrett, Springfield, Mo., and Pierceton.

Mrs. Winebrenner-Dubea was a homemaker.

She was born on Jan. 27, 1924, in Liberty Mills to Robert and Evelyn (Calhoun) Fitch. She married Carl Winebrenner July 29, 1941, in Paulding, Ohio. He died July 7, 1974. Her second marriage was to Lloyd Dubea on Feb. 22, 1975, in Columbia City. He died in January 1986.

Survivors include her children, Carol Sue Cardwell of Nixa, Mo., Jerry (Sonja) Winebrenner of Columbia City, Larry (Margaret) Winebrenner of Bluffton, Shirley Snyder of Columbia City, Terry Winebrenner of Pierceton, Kathy (Steve) Woodward of Garrett, and Lisa (Terry) Dubea of Warsaw; a son-in-law, Don Bailey, Nixa, Mo.; a sister, Jean Verona of Hartford City; a brother, Robert Fitch of Florida; 52 grandchildren; 51 great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Sharon Slagal; two sons, Randy and Gerry Winebrenner, two grandsons, Jerry Winebrenner Jr. and Todd Winebrenner; a granddaughter; and brothers and sisters, Ilenana Brandenburg, Peggy Walker, June Fitch and Bonnie Wilfong.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City.

Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam. Memorials are to Family Hospice in Berne.

Send condolences or sign a guestbook at www.demoneygrimes.com.

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Betty Saggars

LIGONIER — Betty J. Saggars, age 91, of Ligonier, Ind., passed away Sunday, October 23, 2011, at Northridge Village in Albion, Ind.

Mrs. Saggars

She was born on September 25, 1920, to Willis J. and Ruth N. (Homsher) Mahnesmith in Noble County. On November 30, 1939, in Columbia City, Ind. She married Harvey Saggars and he preceded her in death in 1996.

Betty worked as a cook at Ligonier and West Noble high schools for more than 25 years.

She attended the Ligonier United Methodist Church where she was a member of The Good Samaritans group.

She is survived by a daughter, Judy L. (Maurice) Moser of Ligonier; three sons, David C. (Jean) Saggars, Quentin "Joe" (Sandy) Saggars, and Kent C. (Joni) Saggars, all of Ligonier; a daughter-in-law, Dee Saggars of Olathe, Kan.; 10 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and one brother, Lee (Marcelle) Mahnesmith of Terre Haute.

She was preceded in death by her husband; one son, Steven H. Saggars; two brothers, Berton and Carmen Mahnesmith; and two sisters, Mary K. Stump and Sara J. Conrad.

There will be a funeral service held in Mrs. Saggars honor on Thursday, October 27, 2011, at 10:30 a.m. at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, Ind., with the Rev. Matt Moser officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

A time of visitation will be held on Wednesday, October 26, 2011, from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions are to American Diabetes Association Research Foundation, Attn: Individual Giving Department, 1701 North Beauregard St., Alexandria, VA 22311 or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Thomas Fraley

FREMONT — Thomas R. "Tom" Fraley, 88, of Fremont died Saturday, Oct. 22, 2011, at his residence

Mr. Fraley

He was born May 28, 1923, in McGuffey, Ohio, to James and Laura (Salyers) Fraley. They preceded him in death. He married Nettie E. (McClurg) Kirchen on Oct. 11, 1965. She preceded him in death in 1978.

Mr. Fraley retired in 1982 from Dana-Weatherhead, Angola, after 37 years of service.

He was a U.S. Army World War II veteran and supporter of the wounded soldier programs. He was a 30-year member of the Orland American Legion, and a member of the Clear Lake Lions Club.

Survivors are four stepchildren, Jackie Firestone of Fremont, Anna and Robert Geiner of Toledo, Ohio, Earline and Steve Champion of Fremont and Joe A. and Barbara Kirchen of Angola; nephews, Larry and Diane Fraley of Pleasant Lake and Bill and Sharon Fraley of Angola; nieces, Wendy and Howard Petre of Angola, Christine Fraley of Pace, Fla., Kay and Bill Lisenby of Milton, Fla., and Renea Walters of Angola; five stepgrandchildren; and many other nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Nettie Fraley; his parents; two nephews, Gary Thomas Fraley in 1967, Willy Howard in 2002; four sisters; and nine brothers

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to noon Wednesday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. Funeral services will be at noon Wednesday at the funeral home, with Pastor Alan LaRue and Pastor Nathan Powell officiating.

Burial will be at Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont, with military committal services conducted by members of the Fremont American Legion Post.

Memorials are to the Wounded Warriors Program or Cameron Hospice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

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John Lacey

NEW HAVEN — John V. Lacey, 74, of New Haven died Friday, Oct. 21, 2011, at his home.

A committal service will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Marion National Cemetery in Marion. Friends will gather following the service at 4 p.m. at the New Haven American Legion Post.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Marcia Riley

Ms. Riley

KENDALLVILLE — Marcia Lou Riley, age 71, of Kendallville, died Friday, October 21, 2011, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett. Ms. Riley was born in Kendallville, Indiana, on December 24, 1939, to the late William A. Mapes and Garnet B. (Ross) Mapes.

She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1958 and went on to study cosmetology in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She opened her own salon, Mar-Lana Boutique, in the early '60s and worked for many years before retiring in 1992.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Kendallville and was active in the choir and also served as director of the youth chorus for several years.

Marcia enjoyed music, singing, sewing and was a faithful fan of the Chicago Cubs. She also loved spending time with her family and granddaughter, Holly.

Survivors include a daughter, Elana and Rick Young of Garrett, Ind.; a brother, William and Marilyn Mapes of Phoenix, Ariz.; a sister, Carolyn and Perry Hirst of Anderson, Ind.; two stepsons, Mark Burden of LaOtto, Ind., and Christopher Burden of Auburn, Ind.; and a granddaughter, Holly Young of Garrett, Ind.

She was preceded in death by a son, John Randolph; and brothers, Neil Thomas Mapes and John Ross Mapes.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Friday, October 28, 2011, at Midwest Funeral Home & Cremation Society, 4602 Newaygo Road, Fort Wayne.

Preferred memorials are to Heartland Hospice or DeKalb Humane Shelter.

THE NEWS SUN
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Norma Robinson

KENDALLVILLE — Norma Jeanne Robinson, age 82, of Kendallville, died on Saturday, October 22, 2011, at Canterbury Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Robinson

Mrs. Robinson was born in Huntington, Indiana, on August 23, 1929, to the late John Bowman and Mildred Kingsley.

She graduated from Huntington High School in 1947 and the Lutheran Hospital School of Nursing in Fort Wayne in 1950.

On December 3, 1950, in Huntington, she married Dean O. Robinson. He preceded her death December 29, 2000.

Norma was a registered nurse in Kendallville and employed at Dr. Richard Slough's office and McCray Memorial Hospital.

She was a member of Tri Kappa and Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville

Norma enjoyed playing bridge, golf, and fishing. She was an avid reader and bird watcher.

Survivors include two daughters, Aimee and Dr. Rolf Daniel of Fort Wayne and Beth and Brad DeHoff of Indianapolis; and five grandchildren, Nathan Daniel of St. Louis, Kristen Daniel of Fort Wayne, and Brandon, Ryan, and Kyle DeHoff all of Indianapolis.

Visitation will be today, Wednesday, October 26, from 5-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Thursday, October 27, at 11 a.m. Officiating the funeral service will be the Rev. Scott Pattison.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Norma at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Dwight Hull

LAGRANGE — Dwight C. Hull, 89, of Sturgis, Mich., died Monday, Oct. 24, 2011, at his home.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, 797 N. Detroit St., LaGrange.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service.

Burial will be at a later date in Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Plymouth.

Memorials may be made to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church.

Frurip-May Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Lydia Miller

MIDDLEBURY — Lydia Mae Miller, 80, of Middlebury died Monday, Oct. 24, 2011, at her residence.

Visitation will be all day today at the Maynard Miller residence, 13595 C.R. 28, Middlebury.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Thursday at the Marvin Kauffman residence, 13586 C.R. 28, Middlebury. Burial will be in East Barren Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

W. Jeanne Grimm

AVILLA — W. Jeanne Grimm, 78, of Avilla died Monday, Oct. 24, 2011, at Hickory Creek of Kendallville.

A private burial will be held at a later date.

Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett is in charge of arrangements.

M. David Gorsuch

ALBION — M. David Gorsuch, 79, of Albion died Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2011, at North Ridge Village Nursing Home in Albion.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

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Betty J. Saggars, 91

Betty J. Saggars, age 91, of Ligonier, IN passed away Sunday October 23, 2011 at Northridge Village in Albion, IN. She was born on September 25, 1920 to Willis J. & Ruth N. (Homsher) Mahnesmith in Noble County. On November 30, 1939 in Columbia City, IN she married Harvey Saggars, he preceded her in death in 1996.

Betty worked as a cook at Ligonier & West Noble High Schools for over 25 years and attended the Ligonier United Methodist Church where she was a member of The Good Samaritans group.

She is survived by a daughter, Judy L. (Maurice) Moser of Ligonier; three sons, David C. (Jean) Saggars, Quentin "Joe" (Sandy) Saggars, and Kent C. (Joni) Saggars all of Ligonier; a daughter-in-law Dee Saggars of Olathe, KS;10 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren; one brother, Lee (Marcelle) Mahnesmith of Terre Haute, IN. She was preceded in death by her husband, one son, Steven H. Saggars; two brothers, Berton and Carmen Mahnesmith; two sisters, Mary K. Stump, and Sara J. Conrad.

There will be a funeral service held in Mrs. Saggars honor on Thursday October 27, 2011 at 10:30 AM at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN with Rev. Matt Moser officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier, IN.

A time of visitation will be held on Wednesday, October 26, 2011 from 2-4 PM and 6-8 PM at Yeager Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions are to American Diabetes Association Research Foundation, Attn: Individual Giving Department, 1701 North Beauregard St., Alexandria, VA 22311 or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

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Charles "Bud" Smith, 91

Charles Newton "Bud" Smith, 91 of Kendallville died Friday, October 21, 2011, in Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla where he had resided since Monday.

Mr. Smith was a lifetime area resident.

He was the sales manager for Coffey Oldsmobile in Kendallville from 1952 to 1967. He and his wife owned and operated the Dairy Queen in Auburn from 1967 until their retirement in 1980.

Bud was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

He was born September 16, 1920, in Kendallville to Claude T. and Nellie M. (Waldron) Smith. On January 23, 1942, at Zion Lutheran Church, West Fairfield, he married Ruth A. Carter.

Surviving are his wife, Ruth A. Smith of Kendallville; three daughters, Melinda "Linda" Napier of Campton, KY, Sherrill "Sherry" Vaughn of Shipshewana, and Pamela "Pam" Hanes of Waterloo; two sons, Charles Carter Smith of Waterloo and Kendall Smith of Kendallville; 11 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; three brothers, Bob (Mary) Smith of FL, Jim Smith of Fort Wayne, and Bill (Barb) Smith of Columbia City; and a sister-in-law, Doris Smith of Avilla.

He was preceded in death by two sons-in-law, Rex Vaughn and Earl Napier; two sisters, Arcille Skelley and Katherine Hasselman; and two brothers, Harold Smith and Lauren Smith.

Funeral services were Wednesday, October 26, 2011, at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Rev. Paul B. Griebel officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Preferred memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church, 301 South Oak Street, Kendallville, Indiana, 46755.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

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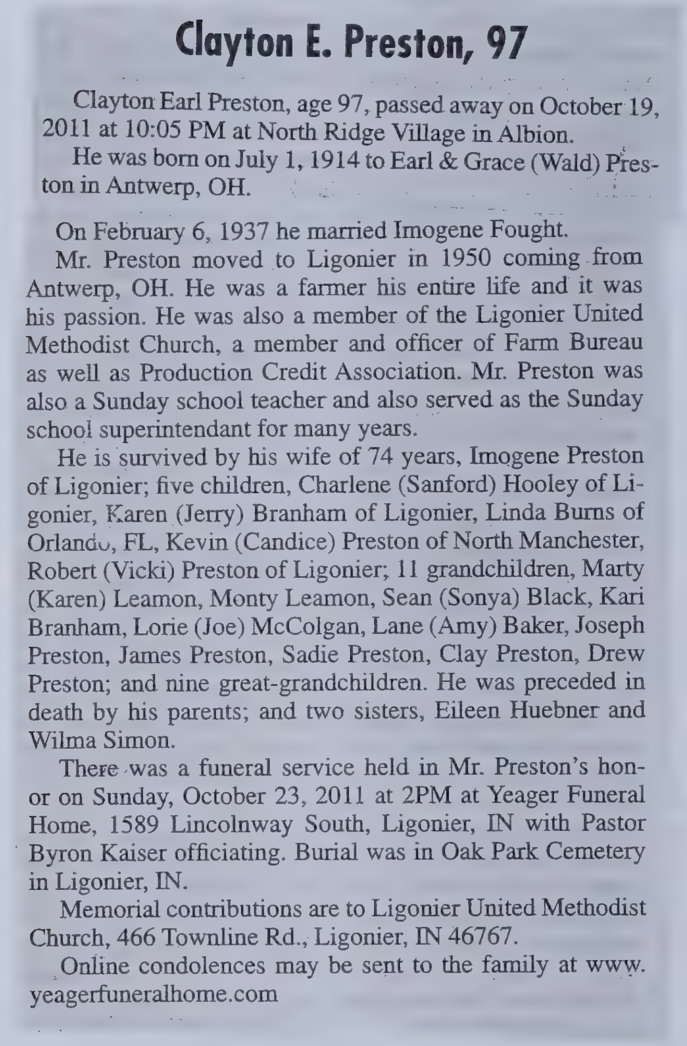

Clayton E. Preston, 97

Clayton Earl Preston, age 97, passed away on October 19, 2011 at 10:05 PM at North Ridge Village in Albion.

He was born on July 1, 1914 to Earl & Grace (Wald) Preston in Antwerp, OH.

On February 6, 1937 he married Imogene Fought.

Mr. Preston moved to Ligonier in 1950 coming from Antwerp, OH. He was a farmer his entire life and it was his passion. He was also a member of the Ligonier United Methodist Church, a member and officer of Farm Bureau as well as Production Credit Association. Mr. Preston was also a Sunday school teacher and also served as the Sunday school superintendant for many years.

He is survived by his wife of 74 years, Imogene Preston of Ligonier; five children, Charlene (Sanford) Hooley of Ligonier, Karen (Jerry) Branham of Ligonier, Linda Burns of Orlando, FL, Kevin (Candice) Preston of North Manchester, Robert (Vicki) Preston of Ligonier; 11 grandchildren, Marty (Karen) Leamon, Monty Leamon, Sean (Sonya) Black, Kari Branham, Lorie (Joe) McColgan, Lane (Amy) Baker, Joseph Preston, James Preston, Sadie Preston, Clay Preston, Drew Preston; and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; and two sisters, Eileen Huebner and Wilma Simon.

There was a funeral service held in Mr. Preston's honor on Sunday, October 23, 2011 at 2PM at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN with Pastor Byron Kaiser officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier, IN.

Memorial contributions are to Ligonier United Methodist Church, 466 Townline Rd., Ligonier, IN 46767.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com

ALBION NEW ERA
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Barry W. Monroe, 41

Barry Warren Monroe, age 41, died suddenly on Monday, October 17, 2011 at 3:30 PM at his home in Wolf Lake.

He was born on March 9, 1970 in Wabash, Indiana and was the son of Gary Monroe and Cynthia (Slater) Shepherd. Originally from North Manchester, he came to Wolf Lake nine years ago from Ligonier.

On July 2, 1997 he married Georgia Collins at the Noble County Courthouse. She survives in Wolf Lake.

Mr. Warren was a furnace operator at the Fort Wayne foundry, he loved fishing and snow-mobiling, fixing cars, and computers. He built model cars and trucks in his younger years.

Surviving are his wife, Georgia of Wolf Lake; his parents, Cindy Slater Shepherd of Warsaw, and Gary Monroe of North Manchester; two daughters, Cassandra (Monroe) Zahn of Huntington, and Amanda Collins of Wolf Lake; a son, Jeff Monroe of Wolf Lake; one brother, Brian Monroe of Akron, IN; a sister, Bethany Ann Woodrum of North Manchester; one grandson, Blake Collins; his paternal grandmother, Doris Monroe of North Manchester; and his mother-in-law, Kitty Collins of Ligonier; two nephews, and a niece, Michael Monroe, Tyler Monroe and Rachel Hartsock.

Funeral services for Mr. Monroe were Saturday, October 22, 2011 at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Burial following was at Wolf Lake Cemetery. Pallbearers were Rob Smith, Jeff Monroe, John Schiefelbein, Michael Monroe, Lance Pulley and Dennis Dingess.

Go to brazzellfuneralhome.com to send online condolences.

Nellie Mae Hipshire, 78

Nellie Mae Hipshire, age 78, died on Wednesday, October 19, 2011 at 4:04 pm at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne. She had been a patient there for 5 days.

She was born on September 25, 1933 in Albion and was the daughter of William and Juanita (Beckner) Grimes.

A lifetime resident of Noble County she worked at BRC Rubber Company in Ligonier for 21 years. She loved fishing and bingo, but most of all her loving family came first.

She is survived by four children, Nick (Penny) Ananias of Salem, OR, Valerie Blackburn of Jefferson, CO, Daniel Ananias of Cromwell, and Christopher (Carisa) Ananias of Peru, IN; four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Also surviving is her former husband, John Ananias of Albion; and one sister.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Donald Hipshire, her stillborn daughter, Vickie Lynn Ananias, a son-in-law, John Blackburn, and a grandchild.

Funeral services will be private.

Cremation will take place after the services.

Please go to brazzellfuneralhome.com to send online condolences.

ALBION NEW ERA
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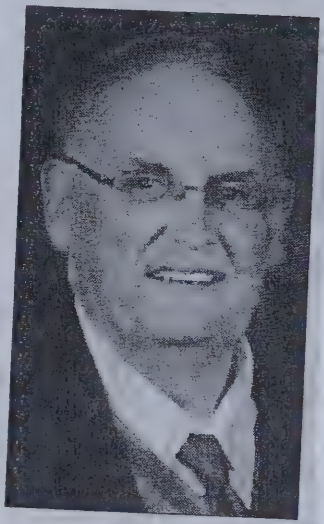
Peter R. Bottomley, 72



Peter Russell Bottomley, age 72, of Kendallville died on Tuesday, October 18, 2011 at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Bottomley was born in Providence, Rhode Island on April 10, 1939 to the late W.R. Bottomley and Lucy C. (Copeland) Bottomley.

He graduated from Pawtucket West High School in Rhode Island in 1957 and The Defiance College in Ohio in 1966.

Pete completed his Master's of Music Education in 1969 from St. Francis University, Fort Wayne.

He married Janet E. Deitrick on June 17, 1961 in New Bavaria, Ohio.

Pete began his music teaching career at Hicksville High School in Ohio in 1964.

He taught at Hicksville for four years and then began music instruction at East Noble High School in 1967.

Mr. Bottomley was the Director of Bands at East Noble until he retired in 1999.

He also was the Orchestra Director for East Noble Theatre and conducted many memorable productions over the span of more than three decades.

He remained very active in the of world of music education after his retirement and continued teaching part-time at Holy Cross Lutheran Middle School in Fort Wayne for about two years.

Pete was also an "instrument fitter" for beginners in band. He worked at the Quinlan and Fabish Music Company in Fort Wayne for several years making sure that instruments fit youngsters properly.

He was a two-time Past President of the Indiana Bandmasters Association from 1985-87.

He served on the State of Indiana School Music Association board of directors from 1994-97.

He was a member of Phi Beta Mu Music Fraternity, Gamma Chapter.

He was a past member and 1980-81 past president of the Kendallville Rotary Club.

Pete was also a member of the Summit City Men's Barbershop Chorus for several years.

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In his limited spare time, Pete enjoyed painting with water colors and spending time with his grandchildren.

He was also in the process of writing a book and was a faithful member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Parrish in Kendallville where, in the past, he played the organ for mass.

Survivors include his wife, Janet Bottomley of Kendallville; sons, Rusty and Dana Bottomley of Center Point, IN, Doug Bottomley of Kendallville; daughter, Dr. Kim and Mark Harris of Brownsburg, IN; two grandchildren, Kansas Bottomley of Columbus, IN and her sisters, Chelsea and Ashley Certain of Kendallville, and Addison Bottomley of Auburn; sister, Linda Parsons of Rhode Island, and Sarah Brooks of New Hampshire; several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his only brother, William Bottomley.

Mass of Christian Burial was Saturday, October 22, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church at the corner of Oak and Diamond Streets in Kendallville.

Officiating the funeral mass was Fr. James Stoyle.

Burial was at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Preferred memorials may be made to the Band Program for Beginners at East Noble Middle School.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

THE NEWS SUN
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October 27, 2011, Thursday

M. David Gorsuch

ALBION — M. David Gorsuch, age 79, longtime Albion resident and dairy farmer died on Tuesday morning, October 25, 2011, at 10:14 a.m. at North Ridge Village Nursing Home in Albion.

Mr. Gorsuch

Mr. Gorsuch was born on October 26, 1931, in LaGrange, Indiana, and was the son of Kenneth and Henrietta (Walton) Gorsuch.

On June 2, 1956, he married Lora Lee Blomeke at the United Brethren Church in Albion. She survives in Albion.

A resident of Albion for 64 years, he was a dairy farmer who enjoyed traveling, fishing, camping, and most of all spending time with his family. He also loved watching Indiana University sports and was a big fan of the Yankees.

Mr. Gorsuch was a veteran of the United States Navy, and served during the Korean War. He was a member of American Legion Post 246 in Albion, 40 & 8 Post 642, and the VFW. He also attended and was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion.

Surviving are his wife of 55 years, Lora Lee Gorsuch of Albion; two sons and daughters-in- law, Garry and Kim Gorsuch of Albion and Gregg and Rhonda Gorsuch of Albion; his grandchildren, Ryne Gorsuch, Justine (T.C.) Warren, Jessie Gorsuch, Kelsey Gorsuch, Jorden Gorsuch and Jared Gorsuch and two sisters, Bertha (David) Zawadzke of Wolcottville, and Louetta McClanahan of Florissant, Missouri.

He is preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Mary Jo Birch; and a brother, Gene Gorsuch.

Funeral services for Mr. Gorsuch will be Saturday, October 29, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion. The Rev. Bret Frymier will officiate.

Visitation will be from 3-8 p.m. on Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. There is also one hour of visitation prior to the funeral.

Burial will be at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion. Pallbearers will be Ryne Gorsuch, Jared Gorsuch, T.C. Warren, Tony Blomeke, Ron McClanahan and Mike Zawadzke. Honorary pallbearers will be Darrell McClanahan, Steve Zawadzke and Charles Blomeke.

Please make memorials in memory of David Gorsuch to Trinity United Methodist Church or American Legion Post 246.

Go to brazzellfuneralhome.com to send online condolences.

Ronald Kearns

GARRETT — Ronald Lee Kearns, 62, of Garrett died on Tuesday, October 25, 2011, at his brother's home in LaOtto.

He was born February 11, 1949, in Fort Wayne to Karl K. and Phyllis C. (Traxler) Kearns. He married Mary "Leadesia" Sommers on March 1, 1995, and she died on December 27, 1999.

He retired from the U.S. Army in 1988 as a Staff Sergeant and then worked at Momentive Performance Metals in Garrett for 11 years.

Ronald was a member of the First Baptist Church in Garrett and the Garrett American Legion and VFW.

He is survived by his mother, Phyllis Kearns of LaOtto; a son, Christopher and Cory Kearns of Furlong, Pa.; a daughter, Michelle and Nick Handshoe of Garrett; a brother, Karl K. and Dawn Kearns Jr. of LaOtto; two sisters, Karen and Booth Elliott of LaOtto and Diane and William Robb of Fort Wayne; and five grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his father.

The funeral service will be held on Saturday, October 29, 2011, at 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Garrett with the Rev. David Mix officiating. A military graveside service will follow in Christian Union Cemetery.

Visitation will be held on Friday, October 28, 2011, from 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

Memorials are to the First Baptist Church in Garrett

To send a condolence or to sign the online guestbook visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

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Nancy Bassett

FORT WAYNE — Nancy M. Chandler Bassett, 96, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Wolcottville died Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2011, in Canterbury Nursing and Rehab in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Bassett

Mrs. Bassett moved from Wolcottville to Fort Wayne in 1979. She was a homemaker and a seamstress.

She was born March 20, 1915, in Woodruff to Harold and Myrtle (Shipe) Eshelman. She married James F. Chandler, and he preceded her in death in June, 1979. She then married Dale Bassett, and he preceded her in death in August 1994.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Linda F. and Thomas Bassett of Fort Wayne; two sons and daughters-in-law, James R. and Barbara Chandler of Fort Wayne and Robert L. and Susan Chandler of Knoxville, Tenn.; her stepchildren, Sue Brill of Wolcottville and David (Jane) Bassett of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and nine stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Donnabelle Brill and Dorothy Blakley; and four brothers, Dale Eshelman, Paul Eshelman, Earnest Eshelman and Noris Eshelman.

Funeral services will be at noon Saturday at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville, with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. until the time of service on Saturday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

View a video tribute after Saturday or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Ora Smith

HUDSON — Ora Dale Smith Jr., 68, passed away at 10:40 P.M. Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2011, at his home.

Mr. Smith

Mr. Smith retired after 28 years at Tenneco.

He was born in Noble County on December 13, 1942, to Ora Dale and Gertrude (Ball) Smith Sr. He married Linda Jack on July 1, 1996, and she passed away on July 29, 2008.

He was preceded in death his mother.

Surviving are his father, Ora Dale Smith Sr. of Angola; two sons, Kevin Smith of Ashley and Brian Smith of Ashley; two daughters, Ronda Smith of Auburn and Dawn Nash of Auburn; a brother, Alvin Smith of Angola; three sisters, Ruth Little of Butler, Barbara Hershey of Hudson and Doris Ann Richie of LaGrange; and grandchildren, James Eric and Mimie Whitt, Daniel Alan Whitt, Amanda Renee Smith, Brandon Lee Smith, Chad Allen Smith, Theresa Egly, Christina Marie Smith, Kasey Jones Smith, Justin Tyler and Ciara Desiré Smith, Kyle Glen Nash, Dylan Joseph Nash, Ryan Patrick Nash and Angelina Marie Smith; and his great greatchildren: Myron Smith, Ashton James Whitt, Kira Page, Ethan Alexander Whitt, Alexis Marie Whitt, Jayden Tyler Smith, Taveah René Smith, Aurora Smith, Jaxson Alexander Smith.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with calling 2 hours prior to service.

Pastor Craig Burkholder will officiate and burail will follow in Fairfield Cemetery, Corunna.

Send condolences to www.dalejohnsonfh.com.

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David Ostrowski

KENDALLVILLE — David Ostrowski, 48, of Kendallville, passed away Monday, October 24, 2011, at his residence.

Mr. Ostrowski

He was born May 22, 1963, in Detroit, Michigan.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran serving as a submarine technician.

His hobbies were baseball, golf, music and cooking meals for himself and his friends.

Surviving is a daughter, Kimberly Ann Henke of Jackson, Tenn.; a son, David Joseph Ostrowski of Cincinnati, Ohio; his parents, Joseph and Barbara Ostrowski of Hamilton Lake; his grandchildren, Nadia Nichole Henke and Serenity Rose Henke; a sister and brother-in-law, Lauralee and Fred Freeman of Clarkston, Mich.; two brother and sisters-in-law, Michael and Jacqueline Ostrowski of Huntertown and Daniel and Heather Ostrowski of Churubusco; and numerous cousins throughout the country.

A memorial service is Saturday at 1 p.m. at Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, 1098 County Road 39, Waterloo, Ind., with the Rev. David Carkenord officiating.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service.

Memorials are to the Northeastern Center, 2000 S. Main St., P.O. Box 817, Kendallville, IN 46755.

Pinnington-McComb Funeral Home in Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

To sign the online guest book or to leave a condolence, visit www.pinnington-mccomb.com.

Ira Bontrager

LAGRANGE — Ira J. Bontrager, 98, of LaGrange died Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2011, at his daughter's residence in LaGrange.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Maple Grove Church in Topeka. Burial will be in Hawpatch Cemetery, Topeka.

Visitation will be from 3-7 p.m. Friday at the church.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

Guy Nealis

GOSHEN — Guy H. Nealis, 98, of Goshen and formerly of Big Turkey Lake died Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2011, at The Maples at Waterford Crossing Circle in Goshen.

Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Richard Horstmeyer

FORT WANE — Richard H. Horstmeyer, 83, died Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2011, at Parkview Hospital.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Our Hope Lutheran Church, Huntertown. Burial will be at Greenlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Visitation will be from 4-8- p.m. Friday at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco. Additional calling one hour prior to service at church on Saturday.

Memorials are to Our Hope Lutheran Church.

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October 28, 2011, Friday

Charles Williard

WATERLOO — Charles Leonard Williard, 62, of Waterloo died Wednesday, October 26, 2011 at his residence.

Mr. Williard

He was born November 5, 1948, in Pittsburgh, Pa.

He was a U.S. Army veteran and served during the Vietnam War.

He married Darlene Putman April 16, 1977 in Fostoria, Ohio.

He had worked at the Auburn Foundry and most recently at Foamex in Auburn.

He is survived by his wife, Darlene Williard of Waterloo; daughters and sons-in-law, Stacie and Brad Laney of Auburn and Misty and Sean Middleton of Auburn; sons Charles Williard and William Williard; a daughter, Heather Williard; six grandchildren, Mason, Taysha, Dayton, Anastasia, Dominic and Ahryah; his father, David Taylor of Ohio; and his sister, Gladys Dye of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Pauline Taylor, and a sister, Sylvia Davis.

Funeral service is Saturday at 3 p.m., with visitation two hours prior to the service, at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana.

To sign the online guest book or to leave a message of condolence, visit www.pinningtonmccomb.com.

Martha Bontrager

TOPEKA — Martha Ellen Bontrager, 79, of Topeka, died Thursday, October 27, while in route to Parkview Hospital in For Wayne.

Services are Sunday at 9:30 a.m. at the Fred Cain residence, 4830 South 500 W., Topeka, with Bishop David Hochstetler and the home ministers officiating. Burial is in Miller Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is after 2 p.m. today and all day Saturday at the family home, 4765 South 500W, Topeka.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

Terron Evers

KENDALLVILLE — Terron L. Evers, 68, of Wellington, Fla., and formerly of Kendallville and Big Long Lake, died Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2011, at the C.W. Gerstenberg Hospice Center in West Palm Beach, Fla.

Arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

David Ostrowski

KENDALLVILLE — David Ostrowski, 48, of Kendallville, passed away Monday, October 24, 2011, at his residence.

Mr. Ostrowski

He was born May 22, 1963, in Detroit, Michigan.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran serving as a submarine technician.

His hobbies were baseball, golf, music and cooking meals for himself and his friends.

Surviving is a daughter, Kimberly Ann Henke of Jackson, Tenn.; a son, David Joseph Ostrowski of Cincinnati, Ohio; his parents, Joseph and Barbara Ostrowski of Hamilton Lake; his grandchildren, Nadia Nichole Henke and Serenity Rose Henke; a sister and brother-in-law, Lauralee and Fred Freeman of Clarkston, Mich.; two brother and sisters-in-law, Michael and Jacqueline Ostrowski of Huntertown and Daniel and Heather Ostrowski of Churubusco; and numerous cousins throughout the country.

A memorial service is Saturday at 1 p.m. at Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, 1098 County Road 39, Waterloo, Ind., with the Rev. David Carkenord officiating.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service.

Memorials are to the Northeastern Center, 2000 S. Main St., P.O. Box 817, Kendallville, IN 46755.

Pinnington-McComb Funeral Home in Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

To sign the online guest book or to leave a condolence, visit www.pinningtonmccomb.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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October 29, 2011, Saturday

Phillip Teller

ANGOLA — Phillip D. Teller, 81, of Angola, Ind., died Friday, October 28, 2011, at his Angola home.

Mr. Teller

Mr. Teller worked at McCray Refrigeration in Kendallville, Ind., for 25 years and retired from Dana Weatherhead in Angola.

He was a U.S. Army veteran.

He was the valedictorian of the class of 1949 at Flint High School. He enjoyed playing baseball in high school, and hunting, fishing and bowling. Most of all, Mr. Teller loved visiting with his grandkids.

He was born September 26, 1930, in Bronson, Mich., to George and Maude (Smith) Teller. He married Vera Pairan on September 12, 1952, at the Chapel of the Gardens in Angola. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, David and Jodi Teller of Fremont, Ind.; a daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth and Tom Sova of Angola; four grandchildren, Lindsey Teller of Fremont, Curt Teller of Kissimee, Fla., Christine Shaver and her husband, Erik, of Indianapolis, and Mallory Sova of Ashland, Ky.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Robert Teller and Paul Teller; and a sister, Fern Stover.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, October 31, 2011, at Flint Cemetery in Steuben County, Ind.

Visitation will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, October 30, 2011, at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Pastor John Cohr officiating.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice.

Sign a guestbook at www.weichtfh.com.

Helen Scheeler

ANGOLA — Helen V. Bender Scheeler, 92, of Tecumseh, Mich., died Friday, Oct. 28, 2011, at Tecumseh Place in Tecumseh.

Mrs. Scheeler

Mrs. Scheeler had been employed at Time Inc. in Chicago and in the Steuben County treasurer's office. She had also worked at Tri-State University and at the Community Sheltered Workshop, both in Angola.

She was a member of the Maumee Mothers Club in Maumee, Ohio, and the BPW in Angola.

She was born April 15, 1919, in Bicknell.

Surviving are four daughters, Carol Salas of Kentucky, Barbara Todd of Florida, Patricia Wixson of Michigan and Judith Cutway of Florida; three sons, Thomas J. Bender Jr. of Indiana, Gary Bender of Georgia and Terry Bender of Michigan; 16 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Thomas J. Bender Sr., in 1984; her second husband, Arthur P. Schreiner, in 1996; and her third husband, Erhart Scheeler, in 2005.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with Pastor Tim Terrell officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Sign a guestbook at www.weichtfh.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
October 29, 2011, Saturday

Carolyn McBride

FREMONT — Carolyn A. McBride, 75, of Fremont and formerly of Garrett died Thursday, Oct. 27, 2011, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. McBride

Mrs. McBride was a homemaker.

She was a 1954 graduate of Garrett High School.

Mrs. McBride was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola.

She was born May 31, 1936, in Garrett to George and Thelma (Case) Brown. She married John W. McBride in June 1956. He survives in Fremont.

Also surviving are two sons, John A. and Connie McBride of Pleasant Lake and Mike W. and Dawn McBride of Coldwater, Mich.; two sisters, Norma Jean Dodenhoff of Fort Wayne and Janice and Roland Vasconcellos of Bryan, Ohio; three brothers, Jerry and Barb Brown of Michigan, John and Dianna Brown of Indiana and David and Kay Brown of Colorado; three brothers-in-law, Rival McBride of Columbia City, Jerald McBride of Garrett and Steve McBride of Kentucky; and four grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with Father Bernard Zajdel officiating. Burial will be in Fremont Cemetery in Fremont.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Send condolences online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Guy Nealis

GOSHEN — Guy H. Nealis, 98, of Goshen and formerly of Big Turkey Lake died Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2011, at The Maples at Waterford Crossing Circle in Goshen.

A private family viewing and funeral service will be held. Burial will be in Grant Memorial Park in Marion.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Louise Schuman

AVILLA — Louise Velma Schuman, 77, of Avilla died Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2011, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla, where she had been a resident one day.

Funeral services will be Friday, Nov. 4, 2011, at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. Burial will be at Hooper-King Cemetery in rural Avilla.

Visitation will be from 3-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3, at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Noble County 4-H or to Lutheran Hospice.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
October 30, 2011, Sunday

Dale Nickols was heroic, compassionate

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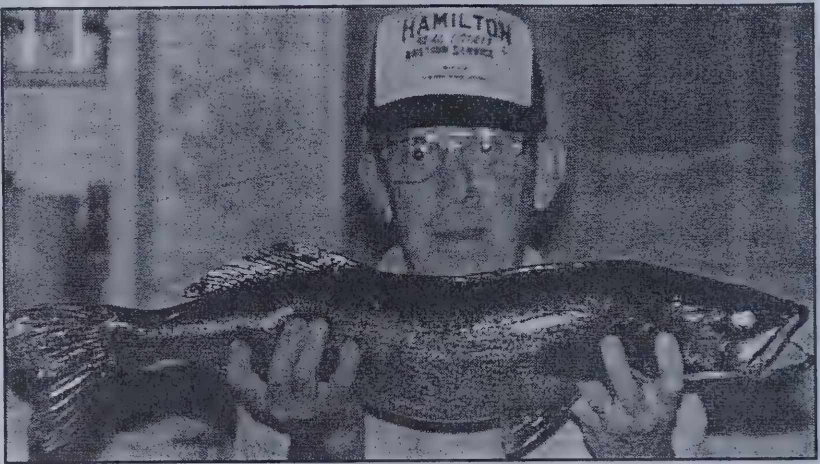

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Dale Nickols loved to fish and showed off a prized walleye catch. Mr. Nickols died Oct. 16. He was 90.

HAMILTON — Dale Nickols was an auctioneer, a businessman, a fisherman, a talker, and active with veterans.

Mr. Nickols died Oct. 16 at his Hamilton home. He was 90.

Mr. Nickols was the co-owner of Hamilton Real Estate and Auction Services. He was known as a trustworthy businessman. His son, Randy Nickols, worked along side his father for 45 years. “We only had one argument (during that time) and it was a disagreement,” Randy said. “We’ve been together so long we knew each other’s thoughts. He was my dad, my mentor, my partner, and one of my best friends. There wasn’t anything we couldn’t discuss.”

Randy said his father was a “compassionate businessman,” who auctioned off a little bit of everything over the years, including a box of condoms. At one time, they ran a Saturday night auction house, Nickols Auction Barn, that closed in 1986 because Randy said it became difficult to find good merchandise.

Mr. Nickols was born Aug. 10, 1921 in Hamilton to John and Callie (Dangler) Nickols. After graduating from Hamilton High School, Mr. Nickols worked for the railroad putting in ties, hammering and driving spikes. During that time, he also farmed with his grandfather with horses.

Mr. Nickols was a U.S. Army veteran who served in World War II. Randy said he refused to get a deferment for working on the railroad because he wanted to serve his country. Mr. Nickols was wounded in battle and was awarded a Purple Heart and two Bronze Stars. He was a member of the Hamilton American Legion Post 467 — the last four or five years he was historian — and was a life member of the 80th Division Veterans Association.

On April 3, 1947 he married Carolyn “Kay” Kendrick Nickols and she died Aug. 8, 1999.

After the war, Mr. Nickols returned to Hamilton and farming with his grandfather. “When he got back, he bought a tractor because he said he was tired of looking at the horse’s behind,” Randy said.

Mr. Nickols was also active with the Hamilton Fish and Game Club. He went deer hunting a little, but loved fishing. “He loved it,” Randy said. “He had his own pond and filled it with bluegill, bass and catfish. He got on his golf cart and the fish would feel the vibration and come to the surface (to eat).”

Usually before work each day, Mr. Nickols went for a long walk with his faithful bird dog, Buckwheat, at his side.

He also enjoyed singing karaoke, dancing, visiting with people and socializing.

Mr. Nickols served on the Alcohol Beverage Committee in Steuben County. It was a job he took seriously. Randy said his father planned vacations and fishing trips around committee meetings.

Mr. Nickols was an elected Richland Township trustee and also served on the Hamilton School Board.

His nephew, Kirby Myers, of Hamilton, recalled his uncle was a gentleman who liked to have fun. “He was really mild mannered. I never saw him mad,” Myers said. “He was the first Realtor in Hamilton.”

Myers’ father, Don, farmed with Mr. Nickols and they would bale hay for others. “They always grew corn, oats and beans,” Myers said. “He was a tough guy and never took any medicine.”

Mr. Nickols is survived by his three sons: Randy (Glenda) Nickols, of Hamilton; Brad Nickols, of Flagler Beach, Fla; and Rudy (Gwen) Mezosi, of Mesa, Ariz; nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, two sisters: Chloe Myers and Lenore Nemeth and one brother, Dean Nickols.

A military graveside burial for Mr. Nickols was conducted by the Hamilton American Legion Post 467 in Eddy Cemetery in Hamilton.

Memorials may be made to the Hamilton American Legion Post 467.

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October 30, 2011, Sunday

Darl Hogan

AUBURN — Darl D. Hogan, 60, of Angeles City, Philippines, died Sept. 5, 2011, in Angeles City from stage 4 throat and lymph cancer.

Mr. Hogan worked for Lockheed Martin from 1991-2002 in several U.S. locations and retired at Pilsung, Korea, location.

He was a master sergeant with U.S. Marine Corps from 1970-1991 serving in Vietnam and Iraq.

Mr. Hogan

Mr. Hogan was a life member of VFW Post 9892 in LaUnion, Philippines, VVA Chapter 887 in Angeles City and American Legion Post 63 in Tacloban City, Leyte.

He was the son of Lelia Mabel and Lewis Hogan.

Mr. Hogan attended DeKalb High School.

Surviving are his wife, Marites O. Hogan; a son, Ian C. Hogan; a daughter Jann M. Hogan; four sisters, Margaret Gonzalez, Pat Park, Wilma Searfoss and Virginia Hansen; a brother, Richard Hogan; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Larry, Wendall and Russell.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Sept. 15 at Clark Veterans Cemetery in Angeles City, with militar rites by VFW Post 2485.

Memorial services and dinner will be at 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6, at the Auburn Moose Lodge, 402 S. Main St.

Memorials are to VFW Post 2485, Angeles City, Philippines.

Ralph Gunsenhouser

FORT WAYNE — Ralph P. "Gus" Gunsenhouser, 84, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, Oct. 23, 2011.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 1505 Bethany Lane, Fort Wayne.

Visitation will be one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to Gethsemane Lutheran Church.

Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville is in charge of arrangements.

Dennis Birkle

MIDDLEBURY — Dennis Carl Birkle Sr., 67, of Middlebury, died Friday, Oct. 28, 2011 at Riverview Manor in Three Rivers, Mich.

Calling fir Middlebury will be 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday Nov. 13, 2011 at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

Calling for Jasper, Ind., will be 3 to 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4, 2011 and 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, 2011 at Becher Kluesner Funeral Home with burial in Beard Cemetery, Bristow, Ind.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Children of Fallen Soldiers Relief Fund.

Terron Evers

KENDALLVILLE — Terron "Terry" Lee Evers, formerly of Kendallville and recently from Florida, died Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2011 at the C.W. Gertsenberg Hospice Center in West Palm Beach, Fla.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, Nov. 12, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. State St., Kendallville, with Rev. Dean Bearman officiating.

Dorothy Gose

LAGRANGE — Dorothy W. Gose, 83, of rural LaGrange, died Saturday, Oct. 29, 2011 at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

She was a lifetime LaGrange County resident and co-owner of Doyle Gose Excavating in rural LaGrange.

She was born on Aug. 29, 1928 in Elmira, Ind., to Russell B. and Maebelle (Malone) Warble. On Dec. 26, 1946 in LaGrange, she married Doyle Gose. He survives.

Also surviving are: three sons and two daughters-in-law, Robert and Roselyn Gose of Woodridge, N.Y., Barry Gose and Terry and Della Gose, all of LaGrange; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and a brother and sister-in-law, Maynard "Lefty" and Sharon Warble of LaGrange.

Her parents and two brothers, Lewis Warble in 1996 and Claude Warble in 2007, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2011 at the Stroh Church of God with Pastor Rick Davis officiating. Burial will take place in Lake Bethel Cemetery in rural LaGrange.

Calling will be at the church on Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2011 from 2 to 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

Online condolences may be submitted to the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

John Martin

KENDALLVILLE — John Martin, 46, of Kendallville, died Friday at his residence.

Funeral services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
October 31, 2011, Monday

John Martin

KENDALLVILLE — John L. Martin, 46, of Kendallville passed away on Friday, Oct. 28, 2011, suddenly at home after a lengthy battle with heart problems.

Mr. Martin

John was born in Oconto Falls, Wis., on April 15, 1965, to Karl L. Martin and Virginia A. (Paul) Martin.

He graduated from Oconto Falls High School in 1983. John later graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville in 1992, where he earned a double major with a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering and a Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering.

John served his country in the United States Army Reserves with the 389th Engineering Battalion in Wisconsin where he attained the rank of Captain. He was honorably discharged in 2000.

He married Elizabeth A. Nelson on May 22, 1993, in Monroe, Wis. She survives in Kendallville with their three children.

John has worked as an engineer for Dow Corning of Kendallville for the last six years.

John spent his early years enjoying snowmobile racing, motor bike riding and working at the local hardware store. John enjoyed many hobbies with his many interests. He loved cooking, racing and antiquing. If there was ever anything broken, John used his abilities to repair it, sharing his knowledge of the job with his children. John loved his children. He fostered their education by helping them daily with school work, always urging them to do their best.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth A. Martin of Kendallville; two sons, Alexander P. Martin of Kendallville and Joshua Y. Martin of Kendallville; one daughter, Cassandra R. Martin of Kendallville; his mother, Virginia A. Martin of Oconto Falls, Wis.; one brother, Paul K. and Haido Martin of Silver Spring, Md.; two sisters, Julie A. and Rick Niedermeyer of Green Bay, Wis., and Patricia K. and Gary Teather of Mount Evelyn, Australia; his mother-in-law, Jane C. Nelson of Monroe, Wis.; his father-in-law, Paul M. and Maren Nelson of Monroe, Wis.; one brother-in-law, Martin P. and Angela Nelson of Fort Atkinson, Wis.; one sister-in-law, Kristin L. Patterson of Lena, Ill.; and 10 nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Karl L. Martin, and one brother, Randall J. Martin.

Visitation will be Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2011, from 4-7 p.m. at the Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2011, at 7 p.m. at the Hite Funeral Home. Burial will be at a later date.

Preferred memorials may be made to American Heart Association and the Noble County Humane Society.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of John at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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Dale Weilbaker

AUBURN — Dale Weilbaker, 70, died Saturday, Oct. 29, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Weilbaker

He was born Aug. 30, 1941, in Leo to Earl and Maude (Evard) Weilbaker; they have both passed away.

He was a supervisor at Dana Corp, in Syracuse and also worked at International Harvester in Fort Wayne. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

He bowled for many years in the Moose Bowling League. He was a member of the Auburn Moose Lodge where he was past Junior Governor of the lodge. He was a member of the Ashley Masonic Lodge and American Legion Post 97 of Auburn.

Dale married Ruth Ann Porter on May 23, 1964, in St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn; she passed away Oct. 30, 2010.

He is survived by four daughters, Ronda Weilbaker of Enon, Ohio, Michelle Weilbaker of Vero Beach, Fla., Traci (Mark) Schilling of Terre Haute, and Shannon Weilbaker of Auburn; 10 grandchildren, Chad Balser, Jennifer (Aaron) Williams, Christina Corripio, Marina Conroy, Jacob Schilling, Taylor Schilling, Madelyn Schilling, Chase McCollough, Morgan McCollough, and John McCollough; a stepgranddaughter, Shawn (Erica) Falls; six great-grandchildren; three step-great-grandchildren; a brother, Dean (Gloria) Weilbaker of Leo; three sisters, Faye Shears of Leo, Bette Souder of Leo and Sue (Al) Burrell of Florida; and brothers- and sisters-in-law, Jean Weilbaker, Bob Bobay and Linda Weilbaker.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2011, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn. Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Mooseheart or Moosehaven.

To send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

J. Mark Love

FORT WAYNE — J. Mark Love, 90, passed away Saturday, Oct. 29, 2011, at Woodview Health Care Center in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Love

Born in Lapel, Mark was an assistant treasurer and manager of employee benefits department with Midwestern United Life Insurance Co. for 28 years, retiring in 1982.

He was a member of Faith Baptist Church and a World War II Army veteran, and was stationed stateside during the Korean War.

He loved spending time with his family, enjoying time at Oliver Lake, water skiing, bowling and golfing.

Surviving are daughters, Rae (Ron) Gonterman of Roanoke, Jan (Doug) Godfrey of Fort Wayne, and Jill (John) Leu of LaGrange; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Mark was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Mae Love; his loving wife of 60 years, Gaynelle Love; and brothers, Ward Love and Laurel Love.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 3, 2011, at D. O. McComb and Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne, with Pastor Dennis Roberts officiating. Calling will be one hour prior to the funeral. Calling will also be Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2011, from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Research Foundation or Faith Baptist Church.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
November 1, 2011, Tuesday

Kent Mahnesmith

RENSSELAER — Kent Edward Mahnesmith, age 44, of Rensselaer passed away October 30, 2011. Kent was born on November 10, 1966 in Garrett, Indiana, the son of the Edward and Ann (Anthony) Mahnesmith.

Mr. Mahnesmith

Kent graduated from Angola High School, Angola, Indiana, with the class of 1985. He graduated from the University of Indianapolis in 1989 and received his law degree from Valparaiso University School of Law in 1993.

On June 23, 1990, in Angola, Kent married Christine Marie Graft, who survives. Kent and Chris moved to Rensselaer in 1993 after he accepted a position to practice law with the former Dumas & Moriarity law firm. They were immediately accepted into their new community and became good and loyal friends to many. Kent became a successful attorney at law specializing in Medicaid Law and became a partner of Dumas, Weist, Mahnesmith & Wright in 2000.

In 2001, Kent & Chris were blessed with a daughter, Sarah Marie, who he was most proud of.

Kent was an enthusiastic and loyal Notre Dame fan. He had many friends that shared in his love of hunting, fishing, snow skiing, motorcycles and four-wheeling.

He was a member of the Elder Law Society of Indiana, Indiana State Bar Association, the Knights of Columbus, Bishop Dwenger Council and he served as attorney for numerous organizations throughout Jasper County.

Kent was a generous friend to many, an outstanding attorney who was revered by his peers and will be greatly missed by his family, friends and community who loved him.

Kent is survived by his devoted wife, Chris and daughter, Sarah Marie; three sisters, Monica (Lance) Lagemann of LaGrange, Ind., Mandy Mahnesmith of Angola, Ind., and Missy (Larry) Williams of Bloomington, Ind.; his parents, Edward and Ann Mahnesmith of Angola, Ind.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Friend are invited to visit with family at Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer on Wednesday Nov. 2, 2011, from 2-8 p.m. CDT.

A Mass of Celebration will be held on Thursday, November 3, 2011, at 10 a.m. CDT at St. Augustine Catholic Church with Father Jeff Kirch officiating. Interment will follow at Memory Gardens of Rensselaer.

Memorials may be made to the St. Augustine Catholic School.

See www.jacksonfuneral.com to sign the online guest registry.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
November 1, 2011, Tuesday

Caroline Krieger

KENDALLVILLE — Caroline E. Krieger, 66, of Kendallville died Sunday, Oct. 30, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Krieger

Mrs. Krieger was a respooler for International Wire for 30 years, retiring in 2003.

She was born Feb. 26, 1945, in Battle Creek, Mich., to Clarence Paul and Catherine (Horlander) Bunch. She married Russell H. Krieger on Sept 27, 1985, in Albion. He survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Penny Sue and Mike Elston of Muncie; and Jacqueline June Frain of Kendallville; a son, Lauren L. Parr of Kendallville; a stepson and his wife, Mark and Rebecca Krieger of Wolcottville; a stepdaughter and her husband, Vickie and Gary Rifenburg of Hudson; a brother, Clarence George Bunch Jr. of Avilla; four grandchildren; one great-grandson; four stepgrandchildren; and eight stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a son, Larry Parr.

A graveside service will be at 3:30 p.m. Thursday at the South Milford Cemetery in South Milford, with Gary Rifenburg officiating.

Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials may be directed to a charity of the donor's choice.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Randy Oglesbee

NORTH WEBSTER — Randy Joe Oglesbee, 53, of North Webster died Saturday, Oct. 29, 2011, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. today at United Pentecostal Church, 201 N. Bourbon St., Bourbon.

Visitation will be from 1-3 p.m. today at the church.

Memorials are to the family.

Sylvia Yoder

GOSHEN — Sylvia Yoder, 92, of Goshen died Monday, Oct. 31, 2011, at the Maples at Waterford Crossing, Goshen.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday and for one hour prior to the 10 a.m. funeral service on Thursday, all at Griner Mennonite Church, Middlebury.

Burial will be in Mast Cemetery, Middlebury.

Memorials may be given to Gospel Echoes.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
November 2, 2011, Wednesday

Louise Shuman

AVILLA — Louise Velma Schuman, age 77, died on Wednesday, October 26, 2011, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla, where she had lived since October 25, 2011.

Mrs. Schuman

She was born on October 25, 1934, in Green Township, Noble County, Indiana, and was the daughter of Howard and Loretta (Pfleidner) Anderson. She graduated from Avilla High School in 1952.

On March 21, 1954, at Hopewell Presbyterian Church she married Hal Marl Schuman. He survives in Avilla.

She lived outside of Avilla for only 6 years of her life, when she and her husband lived at their Columbia City farm.

Mrs. Schuman was a homemaker for her life's work, and kept very active in her community. She was involved in 4-H, Extension Homemakers Club in Noble County, Tri-County and 4 County pony pulling clubs, and book club. She made wedding cakes with her friend Ursula Ley and enjoyed making candy at Christmas time.

She spent hours feeding and bird watching, her favorites were hummingbirds and finches. She also spent alot of time reading the local news and collecting and cataloging articles on people that she knew. She had a large collection of genealogy, and kept a collection of sheep figurines.

Surviving are her husband of 57 years, Hal; her children, Hal M. (Sandra) Schuman Jr. of Kendallville, John (Jaynellen) Schuman of Avilla, Jennie (Bob) Allen of Wawaka, Joy (Roger) Klinger of Convoy, Ohio, and Jackie (Radley) Stanley of Montpelier, Ohio; 12 grandchildren, Charlie Allen, Katie Anne Allen, Cassie Allen, Christina Bok, Kevin Klinger, Grace Klinger, Amanda Castle, Kelli Taylor, Diana Stanley, Audrey Slone, Angel Schuman and Austin Schuman; a great-grandchild, Lily Bok; and her two sisters, Kay Pauley of Avilla and Donna (Robert) Price of Wawaka.

She is preceded in death by her parents, and a grandchild, Chester Allen.

Funeral services for Mrs. Schuman will be on Friday, November 4, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. Pastor Dave Beard will officiate.

Visitation will be on Thursday, November 3, 2011, from 3-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Hooper-King Cemetery in Avilla.

Please make memorials to Noble County 4-H or to Lutheran Hospice

Go to brazzellfuneralhome.com to send online condolences.

Janet Beaty

AUBURN — Janet C. Beaty of Auburn died Monday, October 31, 2011, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

She was born in 1927 in Massillon, Ohio, to the late Helen (Provines) and Andrew Jackson Carmer.

She graduated from Auburn High School in 1945.

Mrs. Beaty worked for several companies including Dodge Automobile Company in Detroit, Mich., and Messenger Corporation in Auburn from where she retired after 35 years of service in the sales department.

While being an avid bowler and golfer, she won four women's golf championships at Greenhurst Country Club in Auburn. Being able to say that she was a member of the Girl Scouts of America pleased her greatly and many of the Scout principals greatly influenced her life. She was also a member of Tri Kappa Sorority and Auburn First United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years Robert E. Beaty of Auburn; sisters, Carole J. Carmer and Doris Sanxter, both of Auburn; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by a son, Stewart Manson Beaty; a brother, Harold Carmer; and sisters, Jean Fitzsimmons and Marian Carmer.

Funeral service is at 11 a.m. Thursday, with calling one hour prior at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with the Rev. Wilber Yates officiating.

Cremation will take place following the services.

At the family's request, no sympathy flowers or memorial contributions are requested.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.pinningtonmccomb.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
November 2, 2011, Wednesday

Camden Coombs

AUBURN — Camden "Gene" Coombs of Auburn passed away on Tuesday, November 1, 2011, at the Northern Lakes Nursing Home in Angola, Ind.

He was born on July 12, 1940, in Sutton, West Virginia, to Boyd and Doris (Brady) Coombs.

Camden was survived by his wife, Helen (Ankney) Coombs; two children, Regina Beattie, and Rachel (Graham) Reeves; four stepchildren, Gary Caryer, Roy Caryer, Joe Caryer and Carla McStoots; five grandchildren, Reanne, Wesley, Dorian and Corbin Beattie, and Madeline Reeves; 11 stepgrandchildren; 11 stepgreat-grandchildren; one brother, Jimmie Coombs; and two sisters, Eva (Robert) Carter and Sue (Dale) Moore.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Burnell Coombs, Glen Coombs, Charles Coombs and Carl Coombs; sisters, Kate Hoover, Carolyn Freeman, Pauline Rhodes and Thelma Coombs; and one stepson, Homer Caryer.

Camden "Gene" Coombs worked for the Pittsford Area Schools in the maintenance department. He was a born salesman who could sell anything to anybody.

He loved spending time with his family and especially the "newborns" in his family. He also enjoyed raising horses and allowing others to race them for him.

He was a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Auburn.

A funeral service to honor the life of Mr. Camden "Gene" Coombs will be held at the Hampton-Kurtz Funeral Home, 3380 Caleton Road, Hillsdale, Mich., on Friday, November 4, 2011, beginning at noon, with Pastor Daniel White officiating.

Interment will follow in the Northlawn Cemetery.

The family will receive friends for visitation on Thursday from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home in Hillsdale. They will also receive friends on Friday from 11 a.m. until the time of the service at the funeral home.

Friends who wish may make memorial contributions to a charity of their choice.

Ruth Downam

KENDALLVILLE — Margaret Ruth Downam, age 83, of Kendallville died on Monday, October 31, 2011, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Downam was born in New Castle, Indiana, on November 14, 1927, to the late James Emery and Dorothy Mae (Lucas) Marks.

Ruth graduated from New Castle High School in 1944 and married Phillip Lavonne Downam on January 20, 1952, in New Castle. He preceded her death May 19, 1966.

Ruth was a homemaker and dedicated to her family. She belonged to the Busy Bees Home Economics Club of Albion where she was a past president. She loved cooking, baking and crocheting. She was an avid reader and enjoyed making stuffed animals for her grandchildren. She loved her church family and was a faithful member of the Church of Christ in Kendallville.

Survivors include three sons, Robert and Jenny Downam of Stroh, Fred Downam of Kendallville and Dallas Downam of Kendallville; two daughters, Patricia and Ronnie Timmons of Kendallville and Carol Elkins of Stroh; 11 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Estella Waln of Speedway, Indiana, Mary Rose Finch of Georgia and Annis Wallace of Greensboro, Indiana.

She was also preceded in death by her infant daughter, Catherine Diane Downam, who died in 1958; her grandson, Derrick Keck, who died February 27, 1992; and her great-granddaughter, Gracelyn Ruth Shepherd, who died June 2011.

Visitation and the funeral will be Thursday, November 3, 2011, at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

The visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with the funeral service beginning at 1 p.m.

Officiating the funeral service will be Stephen Altman.

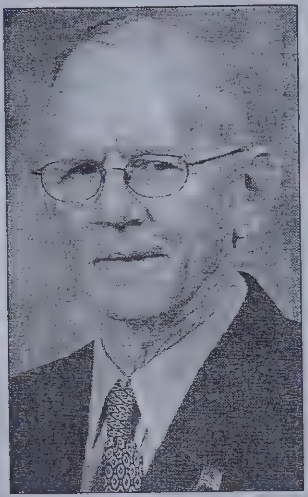
Burial will be at a later date at Thorn Cemetery near Ormas, Indiana.

Preferred memorials may be made to the Church of Christ in Kendallville.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
November 2, 2011, Wednesday

M. David Gorsuch, 79



M. David Gorsuch, age 79, longtime Albion resident and dairy farmer died on Tuesday morning, October 25, 2011 at 10:14 AM at North Ridge Village Nursing Home in Albion.

Mr. Gorsuch was born on October 26, 1931 in LaGrange, Indiana and was the son of Kenneth and Henrietta (Walton) Gorsuch.

On June 2, 1956 he married Lora Lee Blomeke at the United Brethren Church in Albion. She survives in Albion.

A resident of Albion for 64 years, he was a dairy farmer who enjoyed traveling, fishing, camping, and most of all spending time with his family. He also loved watching Indiana University sports and was a big fan of the Yankees.

Mr. Gorsuch was a veteran of the United States Navy, and served during the Korean War. He was a member of American Legion Post 246 in Albion, 40 & 8 Post 642, and the V.F.W. He also attended and was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion.

Surviving are his wife of 55 years, Lora Lee Gorsuch of Albion; two sons, Garry and Kim Gorsuch, and Gregg and Rhonda Gorsuch, all of Albion; grandchildren, Ryne Gorsuch, Justine (T.C.) Warren, Jessie Gorsuch, Kelsey Gorsuch, Jorden Gorsuch, and Jared Gorsuch; two sisters, Bertha (David) Zawadzke of Wolcottville, and Louetta McClanahan of Florissant, MO.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Mary Jo Birch; and a brother, Gene Gorsuch.

Funeral services for Mr. Gorsuch were Saturday, October 29, 2011 at Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion. Rev. Bret Frymier officiated.

Burial was at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion. Pallbearers were Ryne Gorsuch, Jared Gorsuch, T.C. Warren, Tony Blomeke, Ron McClanahan, and Mike Zawadzke.

Honorary pallberarers were Darrell McClanahan, Steve Zawadzke, and Charles Blomeke.

Please make memorials in memory of David Gorsuch to Trinity United Methodist Church or American Legion Post 246.

Go to brazzellfuneralhome.com to send online condolences.

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Albion, IN
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Surviving are her husband of 57 years, Hal; children: Hal M. (Sandra) Schuman Jr. of Kendallville, John (Jaynellen) Schuman of Avilla, Jennie (Bob) Allen of Wawaka, Joy (Roger) Klinger of Convoy, Ohio, Jackie (Radley) Stanley of Montpelier, Ohio; 12 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild, Lily Bok; two sisters, Kay Pauley of Avilla, and Donna (Robert) Price of Wawaka.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and a grandchild, Chester Allen.

Funeral services for Mrs. Schuman will be on Friday, November 4, 2011 at 11:00 AM at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. Pastor Dave Beard will officiate.

Visitation will be on Thursday, November 3, 2011 from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the funeral home.

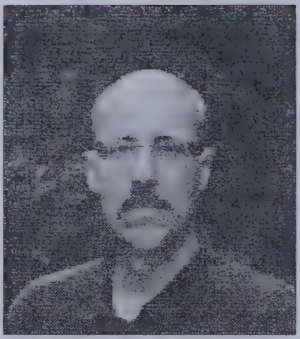
Burial will be at Hooper-King Cemetery in Avilla.

Please make memorials to Noble County 4-H or to Lutheran Hospice.

Go to brazzellfuneralhome.com to send online condolences.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
November 2, 2011, Wednesday

John L. Martin, 46



John L. Martin, age 46, of Kendallville passed away on Friday, October 28, 2011 suddenly at home after a lengthy battle with heart problems.

John was born in Oconto Falls, Wisconsin on April 15, 1965 to Karl L. Martin and Virginia A. (Paul) Martin.

He graduated from Oconto Falls High School in 1983. John later graduated from the University of Wisconsin Platteville in 1992 where he earned a double major with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering and a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering.

John served his country in the United States Army Reserves with the 389th Engineering Battalion in Wisconsin where he attained the rank of Captain. He was honorably discharged in 2000.

He married Elizabeth A. Nelson on May 22, 1993 in Monroe, Wisconsin. She survives in Kendallville with their three children.

John has worked as an engineer for Dow Corning of Kendallville for the last six years.

John spent his early years enjoying snowmobile racing, motor bike riding and working at the local hardware store.

John enjoyed many hobbies with his many interests. He loved cooking, racing and antiquing. If there was ever anything broken, John used his abilities to repair it, sharing his knowledge of the job with his children. John loved his children. He fostered their education by helping them with their school work. He always urged them to do their best.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth A. Martin of Kendallville; two sons, Alexander P. Martin and Joshua Y. Martin both of Kendallville; one daughter, Cassandra R. Martin of Kendallville; his mother, Virginia A. Martin of Oconto Falls, WI; one brother, Paul K. and Haido Martin of Silver Spring, MD; two sisters, Julie A. and Rick Niedermeyer of Green Bay, WI, Patricia K. and Gary Teather of Mount Evelyn, Australia; mother-in-law; Jane C. Nelson of Monroe, WI; father-in-law, Paul M. and Maren Nelson of Monroe, WI; one brother-in-law, Martin P. and Angela Nelson of Fort Atkinson, WI; one sister-in-law, Kristin L. Patterson of Lena, IL; 10 nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Karl L. Martin and one brother, Randall J. Martin.

Visitation will be Wednesday, November 2, 2011 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM at the Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, November 2, 2011 at 7:00 PM the Hite Funeral Home.

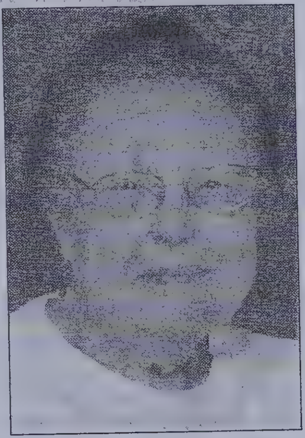
Burial will be at a later date.

Preferred memorials may be made to American Heart Association and the Noble County Humane Society.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of John at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
November 2, 2011, Wednesday

Norma J. Robinson, 82



Norma Jeanne Robinson, age 82, of Kendallville, died on Saturday, October 22, 2011 at Canterbury Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Robinson was born in Huntington, Indiana on August 23, 1929 to the late John Bowman and Mildred Kingsley.

She graduated from Huntington High School in 1947 and the Lutheran Hospital School of Nursing in Fort Wayne in1950.

On December 3, 1950 in Huntington, she married Dean O. Robinson. He preceded her death December 29, 2000.

Norma was a registered nurse in Kendallville and employed at Dr. Richard Slough's office and McCray Memorial Hospital.

She was a member of Tri Kappa and Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville. Norma enjoyed playing bridge, golf, and fishing. She was an avid reader and bird watcher.

Survivors include daughters, Aimee and Dr. Rolf Daniel of Fort Wayne, and Beth and Brad DeHoff of Indianapolis; five grandchildren: Nathan Daniel of St. Louis and Kristen Daniel of Fort Wayne, Brandon, Ryan, and Kyle DeHoff all of Indianapolis.

Funeral services were Thursday, October 27th at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Scott Pattison.

Burial was at Lake View Cemetery.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Norma at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
November 3, 2011, Thursday

Howard Misselhorn

Mr. Misselhorn

GROTON, Mass. — Howard J. Misselhorn, 93, of Ayer, Mass., and formerly of Groton, Mass., Altamont, N.Y. and Pittsfield, Mass., passed away on October 24, 2011.

He was born on Feb. 24, 1918, in Kendallville, Ind., the son of the late P. Arthur and Charlotte (Auman) Misselhorn.

Howard attended St. John's Parochial School and Kendallville High School from which he graduated in 1936. He attended Purdue University in Indiana graduating with a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Howard was employed by General Electric Company in Pittsfield, Mass., where he worked in conjunction with the Department of Naval Operations during WWII. He also worked at G.E. plants in Schenectady, N.Y., and Fitchburg, Mass., before retiring from the company after 43 years.

Howard was a dedicated and active member of the churches he attended — Zion Lutheran Church in Pittsfield, Mass., St. John's Lutheran Church in Altamont, N.Y., Union Congregational Church in Groton, Mass., and Community Congregational Church in New Port Richey, Fla., where he and his wife, Helen, wintered for the last 20 years. During his church years he sang in the choir, taught Sunday school and served on many boards and committees. He was also an active member of the Groton Lions Club after he retired.

Howard is survived by his wife of 66 years, Helen (Heidel) Misselhorn of Ayer; his daughter, Barbara Wyman and her husband, Bruce Wyman of Maynard; and his daughter, Karen Sherwin of Ayer and her husband, Bradford Sherwin. He is also survived by his nephew and several nieces.

He is predeceased by his son, James Paul Misselhorn; his brother, Edwin Misselhorn of Indiana; and his sister, Pauline (Misselhorn) Adams of Indiana.

Visiting hours will be held on Sunday, Nov. 6, from 3-5 p.m. at the Badger Funeral Home, 45 School St., Groton, Mass.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, Nov. 7, at 11 a.m. at the Union Congregational Church, 218 Main St., Groton, Mass.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Howard's memory to the Union Congregational Church, 218 Main St., Groton, MA 01450 or to the Community Congregational Church 6533 Circle Blvd., New Port Richey, FL 34652.

See www.badgerfuneral.com for online condolences.

Charles Cameron Jr.

Mr. Cameron

ANGOLA — Charles M. "Bug" Cameron Jr., 29, of Angola died Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2011, after a long illness at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Cameron worked at Meijer in Angola.

He was born Feb. 10, 1982, in Phoenix, Ariz., to Charles M. Cameron Sr. and Shirley M. (Fifer) Cameron.

He is survived by his parents, Shirley and Charles M. Cameron Sr. of Angola; his grandfather, Bob Fanning of Angola; his two grandmothers, Charlene Cameron of El Mirage, Ariz., and Dorothy Fifer of Avondale, Ariz.; two sons, Preston Cameron of Angola and Jaidin of Angola; and two brothers, Meriah Cameron of Angola and Zachary Cameron of Angola.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Doyle Cameron.

Services will be at 5 p.m. Saturday at the Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with Pastor Mike Hesterman officiating.

Visitation will be from 2-5 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the family in care of Shirley Cameron.

Sign the guestbook at www.weichtfh.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
November 3, 2011, Thursday

Theresa Ostrander

ANGOLA — Theresa L. Ostrander, 68, of Angola died of metastatic pancreatic cancer at 4:57 a.m. on Aug. 31, 2011, in the Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Ostrander

She was born June 22, 1943, to Eva and Harry Lewis.

Surviving are her seven children, 31 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, two brothers and six sisters.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Scott Ostrander and Kenneth Beavers; one brother; and three sisters.

A memorial luncheon will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday in the lower level of the Angola Seventh Day Adventist Church, with visitation from 12:30-1:30 p.m. upstairs at the church.

A graveside service will follow at 2 p.m. Sunday at Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola, Indiana, with Pastor Jose Torres officiating.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Sign a guestbook at www.weichtfh.com.

John Bousner

ANGOLA — John R. Bousner, 57, of Angola and formerly of Payson, Ill., died Wednesday, November 2, 2011, in Angola, Ind.

Mr. Bousner was the maintenance supervisor for Knapheide in Quincy, Ill.

He was a member of Christ Lutheran Church in Quincy, Ill.

He was born February 3, 1954, in Sharon, Pa., to John and Jane (Pierce) Bousner. They preceded him in death.

He was married May 23, 1980, to his wife Patsy. She preceded him in death on February 8, 2011.

Surviving are two sons, David Quinn of Angola, Ind., and Joe Quinn of Kokomo, Ind.; a daughter, Teresa and Troy Karrick of Angola, Ind.; a brother, Ken and Sue Bousner of LaGrange, Ind.; three sisters, Babs and Jack Martin of Troy, Ohio, Carol and Jeff Monroe of Troy, Ohio, and his twin sister, Jill and Johnny Smith of Cincinnati, Ohio; and three grandchildren, Meegan West, Trevor West and Keaton Quinn.

There will be no services at this time.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice in Angola, Ind., and Blessing Hospital Hospice in Quincy, Ill.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Sign a guestbook at www.weicthfh.com.

Douglas Miller

FORT WAYNE — Douglas Lee Miller, 77, died Tuesday at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Tabias Lorntz

KENDALLVILLE — Tabias E. Lorntz, 18, died Wednesday at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Evelyn Cain

GOSHEN — Evelyn S. Cain, 97, of Goshen died Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2011, at IU Health Goshen Hospital, Goshen.

Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, at the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 18548 C.R .18, Goshen. Burial will be in Stumpke's Corner Cemetery, Milan.

Memorials are to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Alexander Measley

FORT WAYNE — Alexander Dale Measley, 12, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2011, at Riley Children's Hospital.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at St. John's Lutheran Church, Lake Township. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 5-8 p.m. Saturday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, and one hour prior to the service Sunday.

Memorials are to Kate's Kart, 429 E. Dupont Rd., #119, Fort Wayne, IN 46825.

Marjorie Mayer

FREMONT — Marjorie Jean Mayer of Fremont died Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2011, at her home.

Services are pending at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

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November 4, 2011, Friday

Charles Cameron Jr.

ANGOLA — Charles M. "Bug" Cameron Jr., 29, of Angola died Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2011, after a long illness at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Cameron worked at Meijer in Angola.

Mr. Cameron

He was born Feb. 10, 1982, in Phoenix, Ariz., to Charles M. Cameron Sr. and Shirley M. (Fifer) Cameron.

He is survived by his parents, Shirley and Charles M. Cameron Sr. of Angola; his grandfather, Bob Fanning of Angola; two grandmothers, Charlene Cameron of El Mirage, Ariz., and Dorothy Fifer of Avondale, Ariz.; two sons, Preston Cameron of Angola and Jaidin of Angola; and two brothers, Meriah Cameron of Angola and Zachary Cameron of Angola; and a girlfriend, Ashley.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Doyle Cameron.

Services will be at 5 p.m. Saturday at the Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with Pastor Mike Hesterman officiating.

Visitation will be from 2-5 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the family in care of Shirley Cameron.

Sign the guestbook at www.weichtfh.com.

Paula Letke

FREMONT — Paula "Nanie" Letke, 69, of Fremont, went to join her beloved parents, brothers, and Lord after a six-year battle with ovarian cancer on Oct. 31, 2011.

Mrs. Letke

Born to Sylvester and Frances Trepinski on Aug. 5, 1942, Paula met the love of her life, Frank, in 1961. After their wedding in June 1963, Paula was involved with numerous social and community committees and activities. Her favorite place to help was St. Francis de Sales High School. Paula was Chappuis President for St. Francis from 1986-1987 and remained involved with Funerama from the early 1980s until 2010. One of the most important joys in her life were here grandchildren. There are thousands of happy memories of Nanie and Papa and Lake George, Indiana. Family and friends meant everything to Paula. Her door was always open and there was always food and drink to be shared.

Paula was preceded in death by her parents and brothers, Richard and Tom.

Those left to keep her memories and spirit alive are husband, Frank; son and daughter-in-law, Eric and Carrie Letke; daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and Dave Eisinger; grandchildren, Emily and Tommy Letke and Ashley, Anna, Ava, and Alexandra Eisinger; and loving family and friends.

Funeral Services will begin with prayers at 10 a.m. today at the Walker Funeral Home, 5155 W. Sylvania Ave. (west of Corey Rd.), Toledo, Ohio, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m. at St. Pius X Church, 2950 Ilger Ave., Toledo.

The family suggests making a donation in Paula's honor to St. Francis de Sales High School, 2323 W. Bancroft St., Toledo, OH 43607; St. Pius X School; Cameron Hospice, 416 E. Maumee St. Angola, IN 46703; or a charity that is close to your heart.

Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.walkerfuneralhomes.com.

Douglas Miller

FORT WAYNE — Douglas Lee Miller, 77, died Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2011, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Private memorial services will held by the family.

Memorials may be made to the Fort Wayne Police Athletic League or to Erin's House for Grieving Children.

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville.

THE NEWS SUN
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November 4, 2011, Friday

Marjorie Mayer

FREMONT — Marjorie Jean Mayer, 79, of Fremont, died Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2011, at her home in Fremont.

She was born May 14, 1932, in Blue Island, Ill., to Franklin and Irene (Johnson) Gorman.

Mrs. Mayer

She married Dean L. Mayer on March 10, 1951.

Mrs. Mayer was a homemaker. She was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church, Potawatomi Snowmobile Club, Angola American Legion Post 31 Auxiliary, Angola Elks Lodge and Steuben County VFW.

Marjorie was a loving, caring mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who loved boating on Snow Lake and snowmobiling. She also developed an extensive genealogy book, tracing the family back to Europe.

Surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Norman L. and Carol Sue Mayer of Fort Myers, Fla., Russel P. and Susan Mayer of Cincinnati, Ohio, Steven C. and Laura Mayer of Fremont and Roger C. and Barbara Mayer of Cary, N.C.; a daughter and son-in-law, Lynne K. and Conrad Humphrey of Farmington Hills, Mich.; 18 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Dean L. Mayer, on Nov. 25, 2007, and a brother, Franklin "Skip" Gorman Jr.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola with Pastor Tim Terrell officiating.

Calling will be tonight from 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery, Pleasant Lake.

Memorials are to the Angola United Methodist Church.

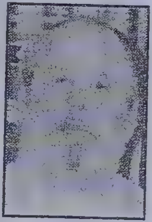
Condolences may be left at www.weichtfh.com.

Dennis Lingner

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — Dennis D. Lingner, 60, of Las Vegas, Nev., died Oct. 9, 2011, at Nathan Adelson Hospice.

Mr. Lingner worked at the Flamingo Hotel.

He was a U.S. Army veteran. he was a lifetime member of the Garrett V.F.W.


Mr. Lingner

He was a resident of Garrett for many years.

He was born on Oct. 19, 1950, in Jefferson, Iowa, to Elmer and Wyona Lingner. He was married to Debbie Steury. She has been deceased for many years.

His brother, Jerry D. Lingner, has been deceased since Nov. 18, 1995, and he was a resident of Garrett.

He leaves behind his parents, Carl and Wyona Robbins of Garrett; a son-in-law, Ryan Bohling, and his daughter, Heather Bohling, of Las Vegas; his granddaughter, Alexxis Bohling of Las Vegas; and a sister and brother-in-law, Susan and Mike Lewis of Garrett, and their children, Chad, Bryan, Mikey, Rachelle and Christi of Garrett.

Services have taken place.

Robert Hash

KENDALLVILLE — Robert Edward Hash, 78, of Kendallville, died on Thursday, Nov. 3, 2011, at the Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center.

Mr. Hash was born in Detroit, Mich., on Aug. 5, 1933, to William Blaine Hash and Sallie (Swindell) Hash. They preceded him in death.

He graduated from Melvindale High School, Melvindale, Mich., in January 1951.

He attended from Wayne State University, Detroit, majoring in accounting.

Mr. Hash was a sales representative with No-Sag Springs in Berkley, Mich., and in Kendallville for 47 years before retiring in 2000

Surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, James Hash and Kevin and Cheryl Hash of Livonia, Mich, and Brian Hash of Kendallville; three daughters and a son-in-law, Laura Hash, Karen Hash and Susan and Tom Hafner of Livonia; a granddaughter; and two sisters, Wanda Wolcott and Helen Short, both of Trenton, Mich.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Mark and David Hash; a brother, James Hash; and two sisters, Ruth Olinghouse and Mary Larson.

A private family celebration of life service will be held at a later date.

Condolences may be left at www.hitefuneral home.com.

The Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

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November 4, 2011, Friday

Alice Juday

HOWE — Alice E. Juday, 93, of Howe, died Thursday, Nov. 3, 2011, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Living in LaGrange County since 1947, she was a homemaker and had worked at Wirk Garment in Ligonier.

Mrs. Juday was a member of the Pretty Prairie United Methodist Church in Howe.

Mrs. Juday was born on Feb. 16, 1918, in Noble County, to James S. and Viola A. (Holden) Patton.

On March 15, 1947, in Ligonier, she married Roy K. Juday. He preceded her in death on March 19, 2001.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Dorothy and David Jones of Adrian, Mich, Margaret Cummins of Howe and Beverly Wiltshire of Ridgefield, Conn.; a son and daughter-in-law, John and Kimberly Juday of Howe; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; a sister, Kathryn Reed of Ligonier; and a brother, Russell Patton of Ligonier.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, James Juday in February of 1980; and six brothers, Samuel, Frank, Richard, James, Edward, and Robert Patton.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at Pretty Prairie United Methodist Church, the corner of 750 N and 475 E, Howe, with Rev. Jean Ness officiating. Burial will be in Pretty Prairie Cemetery in rural Howe.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-5 pm at the Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange.

Memorials are to Pretty Prairie United Methodist Church or Howe Volunteer Fire Department.

Condolences may be left at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Michael Lovely

OAK GROVE, Ky. — PFC Michael L. Lovely, 20, of Oak Grove, Ky., and formerly of Bristol, died Sunday, Oct. 30, while stationed at Fort Campbell, Ky.

Mr. Lovely

He was born on Aug. 14, 1991, in Mishawaka, to David P. and Sherrie A. (Robinson) Lovely.

On Oct. 15, 2010, in St. Joseph, Mich., he married Lana Ostrander and she survives.

Survivors in addition to his wife are a son, Isaac Scott Lovely, at home; his mother of Bristol, a sister, Jennifer Kearby of Newport, N.C.; two brothers, Christopher Lovely and Benjamin Lovely, both of Bristol; grandmother and step-grandfather, Jean and Patrick Bachelor of South Bend; and grandparents, Daniel and Shirley Robinson of Middlebury.

He was preceded in death by his father and grandfather, Milton Lovely.

Michael was stationed with the U.S. Army at Fort Campbell and served in the 1st Battalion, 320th Field Artillery Regiment, B Battery 2nd Brigade Combat Team. He was an outdoorsman, enjoyed fishing, building fires and the occasional explosion. He enjoyed taking kids tubing "tiring" behind his truck and was a 2010 graduate of the Crossing.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday at LaGrange Baptist Church, 1370 N. State Road 9. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. on Sunday, also at the church. Services will be conducted by Pastor Jeff Fairham. The Army Funeral Honor Team will perform a military graveside service and act as pallbearers along with his Cousin Private Andrew Mooney. Burial will be in Vistula Cemetery, Bristol. Memorials may be given to The Crossing.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
November 4, 2011, Friday

Tobias Lorntz

FORT WAYNE — Tobias Ethan "Boo" Lorntz, 18, of Fort Wayne, died on Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2011, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Lorntz

He was born in LaGrange on March 19, 1993, to Michael Scott Lorntz and Renee Ann Rowlison.

Surviving are his mother, Renee Rowlison of Weidman, Mich.; his father, Michael Lorntz of Angola; his stepfather, Paul Miller of Hudson; three brothers and a sister-in-law, Trevor Lorntz of Hudson, Tyler and Jamie Lorntz of Hudson and Tatem Lorntz of Angola; his twin sister, Tabbetha Lorntz of Hudson; two stepsisters, Amber and Brandy Miller of Hudson; maternal grandmother, Ruth Rowlison of Waterloo; paternal grandparents, Merle and Beverly Lorntz of Pleasant Lake; maternal great-grandmother, Ruth Dillin of Sturgis, Mich.; and step-grandmother, Joan Miller of Hudson.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Dale Rowlison, in 2005.

Calling will be tonight, Nov. 4, from 4-6 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville. Services will be tonight at 6 p.m. with Pastor Kent Young officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Aboite House, Anthony Wayne Services of Allen County, where Mr. Lorntz had lived for the past seven years.

Condolences may be left at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Ralph Clark

WATERLOO — Ralph W. Clark, 81, of Waterloo died Wednesday Nov. 2, 2011, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born April 29, 1930, in Waterloo to Raymond and Clara (Miller) Clark.

Mr. Clark was an electrician and he owned and operated C & S Electric in Waterloo for 42 years before retiring in 2008.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving from 1947 to 1950.

He was a past member of the Waterloo Masonic Lodge, York Rite and Fort Wayne Scottish Rite.

He is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, David Lewis and Sarah Clark of Hicksville, Ohio; two daughters and sons-in-law, Deborah Ann and John Hughes of Fort Wayne and Rhonda Marie and Andreas Galavez of Mexico: six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Roger Clark and Delbert Clark, and a sister, Opal Mobley.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Soul's Harbor Assembly of God Church with Rev. David Snodderly officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to Soul's Harbor Assembly of God Church.

Condolences may be left at www.fellerandclark.com.

Ann Mitchell

AVILLA — Ann Elizabeth Mitchell, 66, of Avilla, died early Saturday afternoon, Oct. 29, 2011 at Parkview Hospital.

Services will be Saturday, Nov. 12, at 11 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla. Burial will be in the Avilla Cemetery with a luncheon to follow in the Avilla Community Center.

Calling will be Friday, Nov. 11, from 5-8 p.m. and Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home. Preferred memorials are to Northeast Indiana Radio Reading Service (NEIRRS), 7615 DiSalle Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46825.

Ethel Bohrer

GARRETT — Ethel V. (Schurr) Bohrer, 101, died at 1:45 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 3, 2011 at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

The will be no calling or services for the public and private services will take place at Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett, IN Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice. Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is in charge of arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
November 5, 2011, Saturday

Terron Evers

KENDALLVILLE — Terron "Terry" Lee Evers died on Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2011, at the C.W. Gerstenberg Hospice Center in West Palm Beach, Fla.

Terry was born in Kendallville on Aug. 27, 1943, to Maynard and Constance "Connie" (Reed) Evers.

Mr. Evers

He graduated from Avilla High School in 1961 and served in the U.S. Army from 1963 to 1966, stationed at Fort Sill in Lawton, Okla.

Terry worked for Tower Automotive (previously McIntosh, Inc.) for 28 years before retiring in 2007.

He was a lifelong resident in the area, first in Kendallville and later at Big Long Lake in Wolcottville, until this year when he moved to Wellington, Fla., to enjoy his retirement.

Terry loved being outdoors, enjoying nature, and "RV-ing" with family and friends.

Terry is survived by his wife of 16 years, Sharon R. (Elmer) Evers; one daughter, Julie (Evers) and Ron Olin of Michigan; three stepdaughters, Amanda (Bonner) Krantzman of Fort Wayne, Jamie (Bonner) and Don Ring of Fort Wayne and Christine (Bonner) and Chris Hale of Kendallville; two grandchildren, Brandon and Kaycee (Prats) Keezer of Maryland and Kara (Keezer) and Dale Goldsmith of Michigan; and eight step-grandchildren, Brandon Hull, Audrina Brandenburg, Justin Hull, Ashley Noll, Cheyenne Hale-Hudson, Katie Heck, Cayla Hale and Cassidy Widman.

A memorial service will be held at Hite Funeral Home on Saturday, Nov. 12, at 11 a.m. with Rev. Dean Bearman officiating.

Hite Funeral Home is assisting the Evers family with arrangements.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Erwin Sellke

AUBURN — Erwin A. Sellke, 92 of Auburn, died on Friday, Nov. 4, 2011, at Parkview North Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery in Garrett.

Calling will be Monday from 1-2 p.m. at the church. Memorials are to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Stephen Bevington

ST. JOE — Stephen R. Bevington, 54, died Friday morning, Nov. 4, 2011, at DeKalb Health in Auburn. Arrangements are pending at the H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Butler.

Michael Hall-Polich

WATERLOO — Michael Tyler Hall-Polich, 18, of Waterloo died Thursday Nov. 3, 2011, at his home in Waterloo.

He was born Sept. 2, 1993, in Fort Worth, Texas. His mother and stepfather, Barbara Hall-Polich and Ron Lowe, survive in Waterloo and his father Michael Rohn Polich survives in Fort Worth.

Mr. Hall-Polich

Tyler was a senior at DeKalb High School. He enjoyed playing his guitar and was planning on joining the Marines after graduation.

Besides his parents, he is survived by two sisters, Aireal Polich of Fort Wayne and Crystal Polich of Fort Worth; a stepbrother, Ronnie Lowe of Angola; a stepsister, Zara Lowe of Waterloo; grandparents Roy and Janet Hall of Auburn; an aunt, Deb Hall of Fort Worth; an uncle, Keith Hall of Fort Worth; a niece, Destiny; and a nephew, Ethan.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at New Hope Christian Center, Waterloo, with Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn. Calling is 2 hours prior to the service at the church, from noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday.

Memorials can be directed to the family, in care of Barbara Hall-Polich.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo is assisting the family with arrangements.

Condolences may be left at www.fellerandclark.com.

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November 5, 2011, Saturday

Julie Finn

AUBURN — Julie A. Finn, 67, of Auburn, died Friday Nov. 4, 2011, at Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

She was born June 21, 1944, in Seattle, Wash., the daughter of the late Joe and Bernita Moore.

Julie grew up in Kalamazoo, Mich., and was a graduate of St. Augustine High School.

She married Joe Finn on Jan. 14, 1967, and he survives in Auburn.

Mrs. Finn

She worked many years in the optometric field for doctors in Auburn and Fort Wayne. She was a member of Tri Kappa, Bridge-A-Rama, Welcome Wagon and Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, where she enjoyed being a lector. She will be remembered as a loving wife, mother, sister and friend to so many people.

She is survived by her husband, Joe Finn of Auburn; sons and daughters-in-law, Jason and Liz Finn of Fort Wayne and Brian and Beth of Chicago; grandchildren, McKayla, Evellyn, Leo, Isabelle, Archer, Penelope and Julia; brothers and sisters-in-law, Tom and Laura Leigh Moore of Dallas, Texas, Richard and Sandra Moore of Troy, Mich. and Robert and Cindy Moore of Glen Ellyn, Ill.; sister-in-law Helen Finn of Garrett; brother-in-law and sister-in-law Hal and Milly Finn of Auburn; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Sandy and Larry Rose of Kalamazoo; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a brother-in-law, Arnold Finn in 1993.

Mass of Christian burial will be Tuesday 10 a.m. with visitation one hour prior at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn, with Rev. Derrick Sneyd officiating.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorials are to Alzheimers Association or Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

To sign the online guest book or to leave a condolence, visit www.pinningtonmccomb.com.

Jackie Scott

LAGRANGE — Jackie R. Scott, 70, of LaGrange, died Thursday, Nov. 3, 2011 at his home.

In 1961, he moved from Kentucky to LaGrange County. Mr. Scott had worked at Grumman-Olson in Sturgis, Mich., as a plant manager until his retirement in 2003. He was a United States Army veteran and a member of the LaGrange Church of God in LaGrange.

Mr. Scott was a family man who was very caring and loved being with his family. He loved to cook and bake, to do yard work and gardening, and watch sports.

Mr. Scott was born on Aug. 29, 1941, in Lackey, Ky., to George and Vernie (Whitt) Tuttle.

On Nov. 14, 1987, in LaGrange, he married Penelopye Miller. Mrs. Scott survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are two daughters, Theresa Blankenship of LaGrange and Jade Lynn Scott of Bristol; two sons, Rick Scott of California and Mark C. Nelson of Fort Wayne; a grandson, Adam Blankenship of LaGrange; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Vickie and JW Combs and Rebecca King, all of Stroh; and five brothers and three sisters-in-law, Willard and Glenna Tuttle and Hugh and Mary Tuttle all of LaGrange, Keith Tuttle of Stroh, Ralph and Mary Tuttle of Big Turkey Lake and Wendell Tuttle of Angola.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and a brother, Mickey Tuttle.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2011, at 10 a.m. at LaGrange Church of God, 777 N. Detroit St., LaGrange, with Rev. Brian VanOsdol officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Visitation will be Monday, Nov. 7, 2011, from 3-8 p.m. at the LaGrange Church of God.

Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange handling the arrangements.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Ayden Charles

WOLCOTTVILLE — Ayden Edward Charles, 4, of Wolcottville died Friday, Nov. 4, 2011, in Peyton Manning Children's Hospital in Indianapolis.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
November 6, 2011, Sunday

He just liked making people smile

BY NICHOLE HACHA-THOMAS
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AUBURN — Auburn resident Robert "Bob" Stauffer was a kid at heart who enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and would give a stranger the shirt off his back.

Stauffer, 59, passed away Oct. 2 in his Auburn home.

Thea Stauffer said her husband was born to Robert B. and Jessie Stauffer and grew up in Woodburn. There, he played on the high school basketball team — even though he stood only 5 feet, 10 inches tall.

"He didn't care. He thought he was the star player," Thea said.

Thea and Bob met by chance when he took a job at her father's restaurant. The two were together 10 years before marrying in 1988.

The two set off to begin their life together as a blended family in Fort Wayne. He had three children from a previous marriage — Derk, Stephanie and Beau — and she had one, Kori Miller.

"He loved all his kids," Miller said. "He would do anything for all of us. He was my hero."

The couple moved to Auburn more than 10 years ago to have room for their grandchildren to play. Their home on C.R. 29 was the only place her husband ever wanted to be.

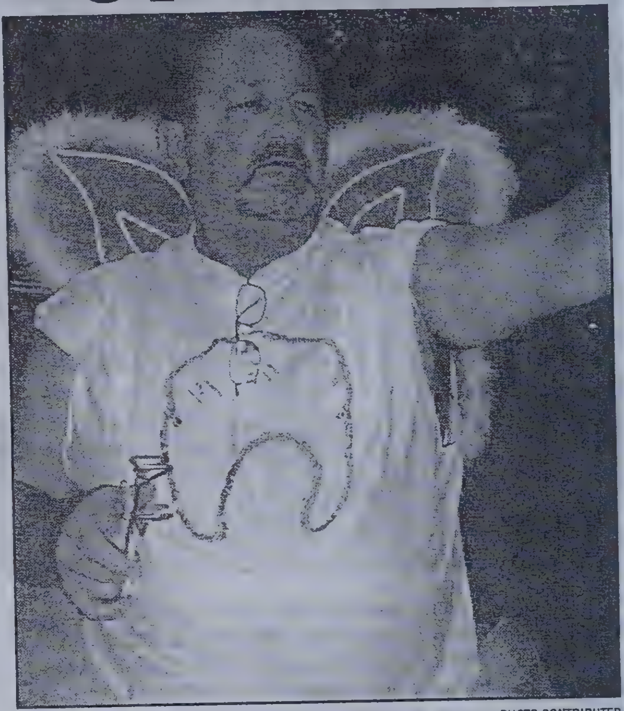
"He was a homebody. He much more enjoyed riding around with the grandkids on the lawnmower than going out," Thea said. "He got along so well with the grandkids because he was one."

When Bob did go out, though, he never met a stranger, Thea said. From running jokes with local cashiers and his family doctor to choosing local merchants instead of corporate stores, Thea said, she was shocked at the number of people who had a story and kind word to share about her husband at his funeral.

There was the time Bob bought a window air conditioner for their neighbor without being asked.

"He was worried he would get too hot in his house," Thea said.

Or the times he ditched his family for a few hours on Thanksgiving several years in a row to deliver pumpkin pie to the security guards at Steel Dynamics Inc.



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Robert Stauffer was a fun-loving guy. He used to dress up in wild costumes for his granddaughter's birthday in October.

"They were customers of his (at his longtime job as a salesman at Welder Services Inc.), and they had to work on Thanksgiving," Thea said.

"That is just how he was," Miller said. "He just had that type of outgoing personality."

Bob just liked making others smile, Thea said as she rattled off several other instances of Bob's generosity.

Each year he would dress up in an outrageous Halloween costume to attend his grandchild's October birthday party. One year, he donned a Tooth Fairy costume, complete with silver, sparkly wings and a tutu.

"He was just a fun-loving guy," Miller said.

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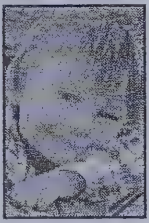
Ayden Charles

WOLCOTTVILLE — Ayden Edward Charles, 4, of Wolcottville, died Friday, Nov. 4, 2011, at 11:53 a.m. in Peyton Manning Children's Hospital, Indianapolis.

He was born May 30, 2007, in LaGrange to David A. and Candice (Nicole) Charles. His parents survive in Wolcottville.

Also surviving are two brothers, David J. Charles and Connor D. Charles, both at home; maternal grandparents, Christine and Tommy D. Miller Sr. of LaGrange and Patrick E. and Stacy Nicole of Wolcottville; maternal great grandparents, Eldon and Martha Zook of LaGrange; paternal grandparents, Laura Charles of Kimmell, and John and Sherry Charles of Cromwell; paternal great grandparents, Myrtle Kline of Kimmell and Stella and Shelby Jacobs of Cromwell; and paternal great great grandparents, Vivian and Floyd Heltzel of Rome City.


Ayden Charles

He was preceded in death by maternal great grandparents, Carolyn Zook, Rosemary Nicole and Richard Nicole.

Services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Vineyard Christian Fellowship, 700 Kelly St., Rome City, with Pastor Larry Anglemyer Sr. of Hilltop Baptist Church, Rome City, officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Calling is Monday after 11 a.m. in the church, with an evening service at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to the family.

Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville. is assisting the family with arrangements.

Condolences may be left at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Stephen Bevington

ST. JOE — Stephen R. Bevington 54, died Friday at DeKalb Health.

He was born on July 4, 1957, in Fort Wayne to Forrest and Betty (Mavis) Bevington.

Steve was a 1975 graduate of Eastside High School. He married Jacalyn Campbell on December 30, 1977 in Butler.

He was a supervisor at Nucor Fastener in St. Joe and a farmer.

Steve was a proud member and supporter of the Eastside football team, playing on the Eastside team of 1974 that finished 8-1. He was member of County Line Church of God, Concord Township Advisory Board, and a former member of the Concord/St. Joe Fire Department. He was very active in the church, as a Sunday school teacher and singing in the choir; he enjoyed the outdoors, sports, and farming the family farm.

Survivors include his wife, Jackie Bevington of St. Joe; two daughters and a son-in-law, Rachel and Justin Coomer of Woodburn and Jessie Bevington of St. Joe; his mother, Betty Bevington of St. Joe; and two sisters and brothers-in-law, Cindy and Mike Stauffer of Fort Wayne and Laura and Jim Beckman of Petersburg, Ky.

He was preceded in death by a son, Cory J., and his father Forrest Bevington.

Funeral services will be Tuesday Nov. 8, 2011. at 11 a.m. at County Line Church of God with Pastor Stuart Kruse officiating.

Calling will be Monday from 2-7 p.m. and one hour before services at County Line Church of God. Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery in St. Joe.

Preferred memorials are to County Line Church of God Building Fund or Southeast Fire Department.

Arrangements are by H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home.

Condolences may be sent to www.hejohnsonfh.com.

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Eileen Porter

KENDALLVILLE — Eileen Porter, 98, formerly of LaOtto, died on Friday, Nov. 4, 2011, at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

Mrs. Porter

Mrs. Porter was born in Fort Wayne on Sept. 8, 1913, to James B. and Cora (Beard) Miller. They preceded her in death.

She married Gerald C. Porter on December 29, 1929 in Fort Wayne, and he preceded her in death on July 17, 1976.

She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Porter had lived in Phoenix, Ariz., for six years before moving to Lutheran Life Villages in 2001.

She was a soloist and member of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in LaOtto. She was a past member of the Order of Eastern Star, Churubusco chapter. For more than 50 years, she was a member of the LaOtto Euchre Club and also was a member of the Swanettes Homemakers Club.

Survivors include three sons and two daughters-in-law, Richard Porter of LaOtto, Dennis and Gail Porter of Rockaway Beach, Ore., and Gerald and Cherry Porter of Hartsville, S.C.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Janet and Rev. Edwin Parker of Fort Wayne and Jane and Mike Helbert of Albion; 11 grandchildren; 6 stepgrandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

She was preceded in death by two grandchildren.

Graveside funeral services and burial will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the Perry Township Huntertown Cemetery near Huntertown, with the Rev. Edwin Parker officiating.

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville.

Condolences may be left at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Molly Dickerhoff

FORT WAYNE — Molly Kay Dickerhoff was stillborn Thursday, Nov. 3, 2011, at Dupont Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was the daughter of Chad and Heather (Mitchell) Dickerhoff of Fort Wayne, who survive.

Also surviving are a sister, Stella Dickerhoff; a brother, Quenton Dickerhoff; grandparents Chuck and Theresa Dickerhoff of Butler and David and Michele Mitchell of St. Joe; and great-grandparents Sharon Baker of Spencerville, Norm Keck and Goldie Eakright of Chippewa Falls, Wis., and Linda and George Mitchell of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by great-grandparents Kay Keck, Wayne Baker and David and Lucille Dickerhoff.

A private family memorial service will be held at Carnahan-Baidinger and Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville.

Kristine Schmucker

GOSHEN — Kristine Kay Schmucker was stillborn at 1:45 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 6, 2011, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. today at the Christy and Loranna (Bontrager) Schmucker residence in the Goshen area. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the family's residence. Burial will be in Nissley Cemetery Goshen.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is handling arrangements.

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Harry Oberlin

BUTLER — Harry A. Oberlin, 83, formerly of Butler, died Saturday, Nov. 5, 2011, at Indiana University Health Bedford Hospital in Bedford.

He was born Aug. 22, 1928, in Butler to Eber and Clara (Healy) Oberlin. He formerly worked for Goshen Tree Service and as a truck driver for Troyer Poultry.

Survivors include four sons, Kirby (Teresa) Oberlin of Millersburg, Tracy (Pam) Oberlin of Ligonier, Harry (Lindsay) Oberlin II of Millersburg, and Corey (Debbie) Oberlin of Millersburg; three daughters, Deborah Navarro of Goshen, Cynthia (Mike) Ziese of Goshen, and Tabatha Conrad of Goshen; three sisters, Annabell Hollinger of Auburn, Martha Curcio of Butler, and Mary Short of Edgerton, Ohio; 25 grandchildren; and 19 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Andrea Kipp; his parents; and three brothers, Howard, Roscoe, and Robert Oberlin.

Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, with burial in the Butler Cemetery. Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Millersburg American Legion. Condolences may be sent to www.hejohnsonfh.com

Howard Sell

OSSIAN — Howard J. Sell, 80, of Fort Wayne, died Sunday, Nov. 6, 2011, at the Ossian Health and Rehabilitation Center in Ossian.

Graveside funeral services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is handling the arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
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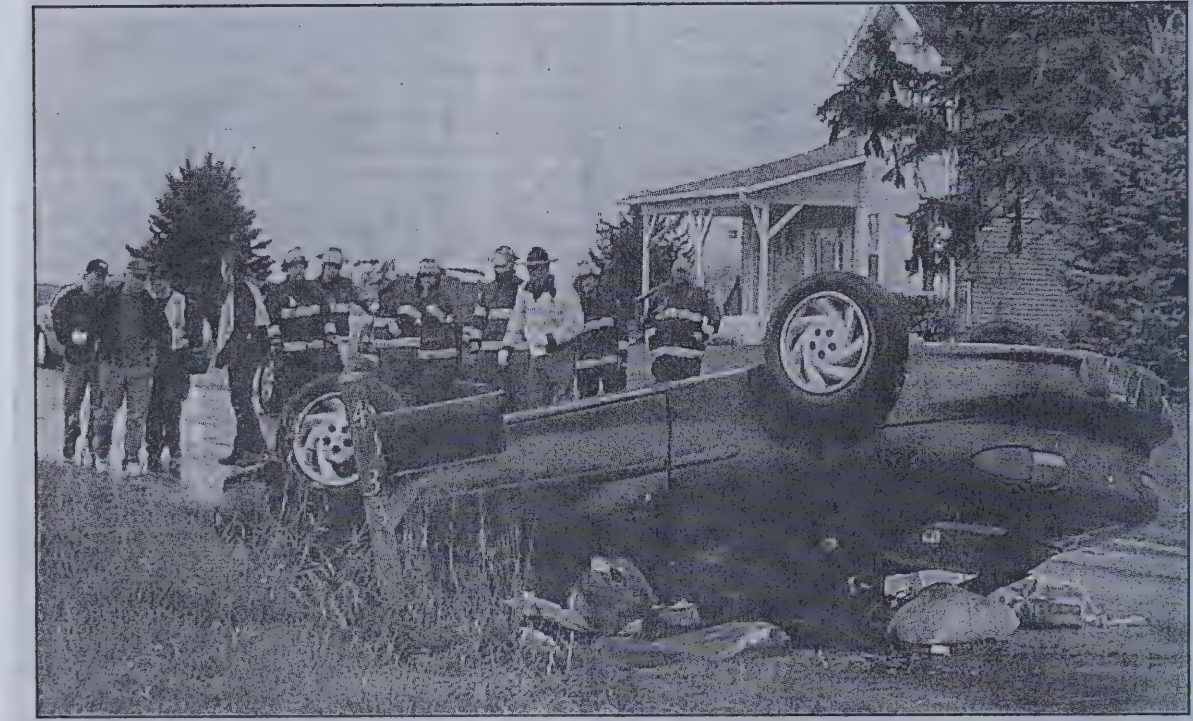
November 8, 2011, Tuesday

Tragedy On Rural Road



BOB BRALEY

This rollover crash on Noble C.R. 600N Monday morning killed the car's driver, Lindsie K. Truelove, 23, of Albion.

Crash kills Albion woman

BY BOB BRALEY
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ALBION — An Albion woman died in a rollover crash Monday, Indiana State Police said.

Lindsie K. Truelove, 23, was traveling eastbound on C.R. 600N, just west of C.R. 500E, between 8:25 and 8:30 a.m. when, for an unknown reason, her 1997 Chevy car left the road, ISP Public Information Officer Ron Galaviz said.

The car went up an embankment, rolled partway over and came down on its top, partially in the road, Galaviz said.

Truelove was the only occupant of the car and was wearing her seatbelt, Galaviz said. She was pronounced dead at the scene.

Results of an autopsy were not complete late Monday afternoon, Noble County Coroner Dr. Terry Gaff said.

Galaviz said there was no suspicion of alcohol use in the crash. While the road was wet due to rain, there was no indication whether that was a factor or not, he said. It appeared the vehicle simply drifted off the road, he said.

Assisting at the scene were the Noble County Fire Department, Noble County EMS and the Albion Fire Department, Galaviz said.

THIS STORY *was posted on kpcnews.com at 10:25 a.m. Monday.*

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Patricia Brown

AUBURN — Patricia A. "Pete" Brown, 80, of Auburn died Monday, Nov. 7, 2011, at DeKalb Health in Auburn.

She worked for the County Line Cheese Company in rural Auburn for 25 years, retiring in September of 1991.

Mrs. Brown was a former member of the Women of the Moose Lodge 261 in Auburn.

Mrs. Brown

She was born April 4, 1931, in Butler, to John and Louise (Pifer) Moran.

She married Clyde Brown on April 16, 1954, and he preceded her in death on Aug. 13, 2003.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Don Thacker of Auburn; a son, Dennis Brown of Auburn; two sisters, Norma Martin of Beech Grove and Lillian Scobey of Antwerp, Ohio; six grandchildren, Nicole Hedrick, Dana Hedrick, Casey Brown, Aaron Brown, Kristy Thacker, and Blaine Thacker; and seven great-grandchildren, Faith Hedrick, Jayden Hedrick, Makinzy Pace, Kaya Helmkamp, Kyler Helmkamp, Ava Helmkamp and Kaiden Thacker.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a son, Jeff Brown; and a sister, Donna VondBruskin.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Dr. Robert Craig officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter or the American Cancer Society.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Glen Stalder

COLDWATER, Mich. — Glen L. Stalder, 90, of Coldwater Lake at Coldwater and Punta Gorda, Fla., died Friday, November 4, 2011, at his residence on Coldwater Lake.

He had formerly resided in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Mr. Stalder retired from Central Soya at Fort Wayne. He also retired as a police officer from the Fort Wayne Police Department in 1968 after 23 years of service.

Mr. Stalder

He was a graduate of Fort Wayne Central High School. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II where he served as a pharmacy medic in the Pacific Theater and earned the rank of Chief Petty Officer.

Mr. Stalder enjoyed playing golf, bowling, lake activities, traveling to Florida during the winter and spending time with his family and friends.

He was a member of the Fremont Moose Lodge, Punta Gorda Elks Lodge, VFW Lodge in Angola, Ind., and was a 33rd Degree Mason.

He was born September 6, 1921, in DeKalb County, Ind., to Henry and May (Boger) Stalder. He married Elizabeth B. Furste on November 10, 1945. She preceded him in death on February 5, 2008.

Surviving are a daughter, Jeanne Bruick of Coldwater Lake, Coldwater.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Ruth Loos and Lucille Stalder; and two brothers, Ray Stalder and Harold Stalder.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, November 11, 2011, at Lindenwood Cemetery, Bohn Chapel, Fort Wayne, Ind., with the Rev. Wayne Berkesch officiating.

Memorials are to the Wounded Warriors Program.

Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, Ind., is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Charles Ridenour

HILLSDALE, Mich. — Charles R. "Bud" Ridenour, 65, of Hillsdale, Mich., and formerly of Auburn, died Friday, Nov. 4, 2011, at his home.

Services will be Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. at VanHorn-Eagle Funeral Home in Hillsdale. Calling will be Wednesday from 4 p.m. until the time of service at the funeral home. Burial will take place at a later date.

Memorials are to Paul and Daniel Hassenzahl or a charity of the donor's choice.

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November 8, 2011, Tuesday

Anna Cook

WOODBURN — Anna M. Cook, 95, of Woodburn, died Saturday, Nov. 5, 2011, at Dupont Hospital.

She was born Dec. 5, 1915 in Harmon, Ill.

Mrs. Cook

Mrs. Cook was a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and had been a Girl Scout leader in Woodburn for more than 56 years.

Surviving are a daughter, Anita (Stanley) Bremer of St. Joe; two sons, Alvin (Roseann) Cook of Woodburn, and Bernard Cook of Angola; 18 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and a sister, Frances Baughman of Harlan.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert in 1977; her parents; two brothers; and three sisters.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Harlan, with visitation one hour prior to the service. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery, Harlan.

Visitation also will be from 5 to 8 p.m. today at Hockemeyer Funeral Home, Harlan.

Lee Cramer

FORT WAYNE — Lee Allen Cramer, 66, passed away Saturday, November 5, 2011, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Fort Wayne, Lee worked as a welder with General Electric for 39 years, retiring in 2005. He had previously been a part owner of the Roanoke Village Inn.

Mr. Cramer

He was a U.S. Army veteran and member of the American Legion Post 0160.

He loved our lake life and enjoyed boating, music, and all our friends at Jimmerson Lake. Lee also loved sports, coin collecting, golf and chess.

Surviving are his wife, Marsha Cramer of Fort Wayne; a sister, Patty (Steve) Carroll of Fort Wayne; a brother, Tim Cramer of Fort Wayne; a sister-in-law, Renee (Bill) Cook of Jimmerson Lake; two stepsons, Patrick (Kelley) Baumgartner of Fishers and Brad (Christy) Baumgartner of Fort Wayne; and a stepdaughter, Paula (Tim) Bradfield of Loxahatchee, Fla.

Lee was preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Burnis Cramer, and daughter, Christina Cramer.

Funeral services are at 2 p.m. Thursday, November 10, 2011, at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 East Dupont Road, with calling one hour prior to the service. The Rev. Mike Harris will officiate. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Calling will also be Wednesday, November 9, 2011, 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Disabled American Veterans.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

Carl McGuire

CHURUBUSCO — Carl McGuire, 92, of Churubusco died Sunday, Nov. 6, 2011, at his home.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco. Burial will be at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Visitation will be at noon until 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice, 2270 Lake Ave., Suite 200, Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

Evelyn Winebrenner

COLUMBIA CITY — Evelyn R. Winebrenner, 82, of Columbia City and formerly of Noble County, died Saturday, Nov. 5, 2011.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Merriam Christian Chapel, 3985 S. U.S. 33, Merriam. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, and one hour prior to the services Wednesday at the church.

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November 9, 2011, Wednesday

Mary Snell

INDIANAPOLIS — Mary Ellen Turner Snell 89, of Indianapolis and formerly of LaOtto, died Sunday, Nov. 6, 2011.

Mrs. Snell

Mrs. Snell was a graduate of Huntertown High School.

She worked for General Electric Co. and later served as secretary at LaOtto Elementary School for 19 years. She volunteered at Robin's Nest Day Care at Robin Run Village.

Mrs. Snell was a past member of the LaOtto Volunteer Fire Department Women's Auxiliary, Noble County Chorus, LaOtto Wesleyan Church, and Hopewell Presbyterian Church. She had served as church organist and pianist for many years.

She was born Nov. 19, 1921, in Topeka the daughter of Jess and Alta Gray.

Surviving are a son, Bruce E. and Beverly Turner; a grandson; a granddaughter; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Perry J. Turner; her husbands, Glenn E. Turner and Jay M. Snell; and two brothers, James J. Gray and Paul W. Gray.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Leppert Mortuary, Nora Chapel, Indianapolis. A graveside service to follow at 3:30 p.m. at Cedar Creek Cemetery, Garrett.

A visitation will be from 2:30-8 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to the services Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association, LaOtto Volunteer Fire Department or the American Cancer Society.

Sign a guestbook at www.leppertmortuary.com.

Lindsie Truelove

ALBION — Lindsie Kay Truelove, 23, of Albion died Monday morning, Nov. 7, 2011, as the result of injuries from a single-vehicle accident in rural Kendallville.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Pastor Bret Frymier will officiate.

Visitation will be on Thursday evening from 3-8 p.m. Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. And also one hour prior to the funeral on Friday.

Burial will be at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Memorials are to Albion baseball and softball or Noble County Humane Shelter.

View the video tribute for Lindsie on Wednesday afternoon.

A full obit will appear in Thursday's edition.

David Peters

LAGRANGE — David S. Peters, 53, of LaGrange died Monday, Nov. 7, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Peters

Mr. Peters lived his lifetime in LaGrange and Sturgis, Mich.

He was a maintenance electrician and had worked at Atwood Products in LaGrange for 25 years and was currently employed at Forest River in Goshen.

He was born March 18, 1958, in LaGrange to Eugene C. and Betty J. (Rowe) Peters. He married Patricia J. Brown on March 27, 1982, in Sturgis. She survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are his mother, Betty J. Peters of Sturgis; three daughters and a son-in-law, Jenny and Josh Landez, Megan Peters, and Kayla Peters, all of LaGrange; five grandchildren; a sister, Julie Nichols of Sturgis; and a brother, Mike Peters of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his father, Eugene Peters.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with the Rev. James R. Bender officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the American Red Cross.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Ann Mitchell

Miss Mitchell

AVILLA — Ann Elizabeth Mitchell died early Saturday afternoon, Oct. 29, 2011, at Parkview Hospital. She was 66 years old. Ann lived her entire life in Noble County, and for the last 50 years resided with her family in Avilla.

Ann, the daughter of Frank and Florence Mitchell, was born at McCray Hospital in Kendallville on Jan. 31, 1945. She grew up on a farm just North of Avilla and attended Avilla School. Ann's hobbies and interests adapted much throughout her adult life as her sight and hearing diminished. In her younger years she assisted her mother maintaining a home for mentally disabled children. She enjoyed helping with domestic tasks along with providing supervision and entertainment for the children in her mother's care. She also enjoyed reading and traveling with her family. In later years, blindness and difficulty hearing restricted her activities, but she continued to enjoy music, her reading radio, family pets, travel, and dinner parties with family and friends.

Ann's father died in 1954 and her mother died in 2001. She is survived by her brother, James Mitchell, her niece, Michelle Mitchell (whom she considered her sister), her nephew, Franklin (Chad) Mitchell, a great-niece, Chloe, and two great nephews, Brandon and Chad, as well as her good friends Doyle Miller, Collin Lee, Kathy Lee and Robert Lee.

Visitation is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 11, from 5 until 8 p.m. followed by a funeral service on Saturday, Nov. 12, at 11 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla with visitation prior to the service at 10:30 a.m. Burial will be in the Avilla Cemetery with a luncheon to follow in the Avilla Community Center. Preferred memorials are to Northeast Indiana Radio Reading Service (NEIRRS), 7615 DiSalle Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46825.

Funeral Arrangements have been entrusted to the Brazzell Funeral Homes, Avilla Chapel.

To sign the online guest register book go to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Jack Todd

ELKHART — Jack I. Todd, 78, of Elkhart died Monday, Nov. 7, 2011, at IU Health Goshen.

Visitation will be from 3-7 p.m. today at Stemm-Lawson-Peterson Funeral Home at Cobblestone Crossing, Elkhart.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Rice Cemetery.

Memorials are to Trinity Lutheran Church or the Humane Society of Elkhart County.

Gertie Hochstetler

MIDDLEBURY — Gertie L. Hochstetler, 82, of Middlebury died Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2011, at her residence.

Visitation will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Thursday at the family residence, 12867 C.R. 20, Middlebury.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday at the Keith Helmuth residence, 58901 C.R. 37, Middlebury. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery, Goshen.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Frances Sechler

ST. JOE — A celebration of life service for Frances Sechler will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Marks Lutheran Church in St. Joe.

Mrs. Sechler, 85, of West Des Moines, Iowa, died Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2011.

Memorials are to the Animal Rescue League of Iowa.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
November 9, 2011, Wednesday

Single vehicle crash claims life of Albion woman

Indiana State Police Senior Trooper Steven P. Malone, left, was lead investigator at the scene of a single vehicle crash on C.R. 600 E Monday morning that claimed the live of Lindsie K. Truelove, 23, of Albion. (Photo courtesy ISP)

KENDALLVILLE, Ind. — The Indiana State Police responded to a single vehicle crash that occurred Monday morning that claimed the life of a young woman from Albion.

According to Senior Trooper Steven P. Malone, at approximately 8:30 a.m. on November 7, 2011 a 1997 Chevrolet passenger car owned and operated by Lindsie K. Truelove, 23, from Albion, was traveling eastbound in the 4500 E block of County Road 600 N.

For an unknown reason, the vehicle drove off of the south side of the roadway, which was wet from an earlier rain, and drove up an embankment which resulted in the vehicle rolling onto its top. Although Truelove was wearing her seatbelt, she suffered fatal injuries and was pronounced dead at the scene.

Assisting Malone at the scene was Indiana State Police Sgt. Max Weber and Trooper Justin Snyder, the Noble County Sheriff Department, Noble County EMS, Noble County Coroner's Office and the Albion Fire Department.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Lindsie K. Truelove, 23

Lindsie Kay Truelove, age 23, died on Monday morning, November 8, 2011 as the result of a single motor vehicle accident in rural Kendallville.

She was born on June 20, 1988 in Kendallville, and was the daughter of Larry G. and Wanda (Owen) Truelove.

Miss Truelove was a 2007 graduate of Central Noble High School where she was all conference in softball. She was a 10 year member of the Noble County 4-H, she loved shopping, and quilting, but most of all spending time with her friends and her family.

She graduated from Trine University in May 2011 with a bachelor's degree in science.

She worked at Campbell & Fetter Bank as a staff accountant in Kendallville, where she started in June 2011.

She is survived by her parents, Larry and Wanda Truelove of Albion; her sister, Laramie Truelove of Albion; maternal grandmother, Mary Owen Stolte of Albion; paternal grandparents, Kay and Hazel Truelove, Albion; her boyfriend, Josh Kwaschigroh of Rome City; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and lots of friends.

She is preceded in death by her maternal grandfather, Woodward Owen; and step-grandfather Richard Stolte.

Funeral services for Miss Truelove will be on Friday, November 11, 2011 at 10:00 AM, at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Pastor Bret Frymier will officiate.

Visitation will be on Thursday evening from 3:00 to 8:00 PM at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, and also one hour prior to the funeral on Friday.

Burial will be at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

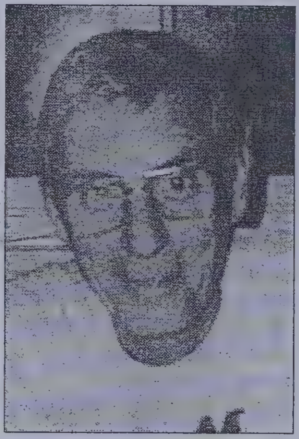
Please make memorials to Albion Baseball and Softball or Noble County Humane Shelter.

View the video tribute for Lindsie on Wednesday afternoon.

To send online condolences, go to brazzellfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
November 9, 2011, Wednesday

Terron L. Evers, 68



Terron "Terry" Lee Evers died on Wednesday, October 26 at the C.W. Gerstenberg Hospice Center in West Palm Beach, Florida.

Terry was born in Kendallville on August 27, 1943 to Maynard and Constance "Connie" (Reed) Evers.

He graduated from Avilla High School in 1961 and served in the U.S. Army from 1963 to 1966, stationed at Fort Sill in Lawton, Oklahoma.

Terry worked for Tower Automotive (previously McIntosh, Inc.) for 28 years before retiring in 2007.

He was a lifelong resident in the area. First in Kendallville and later at Big Long Lake in Wolcottville, until this year when he moved to Wellington Florida to enjoy his retirement.

Terry loved being outdoors, enjoying nature, and "RV-ing" with family and friends.

Terry is survived by his wife of 16 years, Sharon R. (Elmer) Evers; daughter, Julie (Evers) and Ron Olin of MI; three step-daughters, Amanda (Bonner) Krantzman of Fort Wayne, Jamie (Bonner), Don Ring of Fort Wayne, and Christine (Bonner) and Chris Hale of Kendallville; two grandchildren, Brandon and Kaycee (Prats) Keezer of Maryland, and Kara (Keezer) and Dale Goldsmith of MI; eight step-grandchildren, Brandon Hull, Audrina Brandenburg, Justin Hull, Ashley Noll, Cheyenne Hale-Hudson, Katie Heck, Cayla Hale and Cassidy Widman.

A memorial service will be held at Hite Funeral Home on Saturday, November 12 at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Dean Bearman officiating.

Send an online condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
November 9, 2011, Wednesday

Ruth Downam, 83

Margaret Ruth Downam, age 83, of Kendallville died on Monday, October 31, 2011 at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Downam was born in New Castle, Indiana on November 14, 1927 to the late James Emery and Dorothy Mae (Lucas) Marks.

Ruth graduated from New Castle High School in 1944 and married Phillip Lavonne Downam on January 20, 1952 in New Castle. He preceded her death May 19, 1966.

Ruth was a homemaker and dedicated to her family. She belonged to the Busy Bees Home Ec Club of Albion where she was a past president. She loved cooking, baking and crocheting. She was an avid reader and enjoyed making stuffed animals for her grandchildren. She loved her church family and was a faithful member of the Church of Christ in Kendallville.

Survivors include sons, Robert and Jenny Downam of Stroh, Fred Downam of Kendallville, Dallas Downam of Kendallville; daughters, Patricia and Ronnie Timmons of Kendallville, Carol Elkins of Stroh; 11 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren; sisters, Estella Waln of Speedway, Indiana, Mary Rose Finch of Georgia, Annis Wallace of Greensboro, Indiana.

She was preceded in death by her infant daughter, Catherine Diane Downam, who died in 1958; her grandson, Derrick Keck, who died February 27, 1992; and her great-granddaughter, Gracelyn Ruth Shepherd, who died June 2011.

Funeral was Thursday, November 3, 2011 at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Officiating the funeral service was Stephen Altman.

Burial will be at a later date at Thorn Cemetery near Ormas, Indiana.

Preferred memorials may be made to the Church of Christ in Kendallville.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
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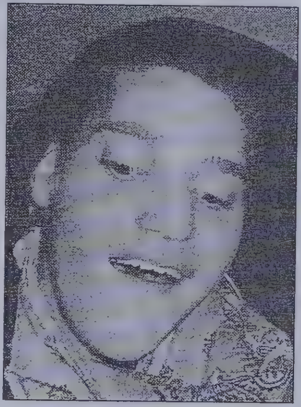
Tobias E. Lorntz, 18



Tobias Ethan "Boo" Lorntz, age 18, of Fort Wayne, died on Wednesday, November 2, 2011 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Boo was born in LaGrange, Indiana on March 19, 1993 to Michael Scott Lorntz and Renee Ann Rowlison.

Boo liked listening to Country music and being with his friends and family.

His family is very grateful and would like to thank Anthony Wayne Services of Allen County for their dedication and care given to Boo throughout the years.

Survivors include his mother, Renee Rowlison of Weidman, MI; his father, Michael Lorntz of Angola; stepfather, Paul Miller of Hudson; brothers, Trevor Lorntz of Hudson, Tyler and Jamie Lorntz of Hudson, Tatem Lorntz of Angola; his twin sister, Tabbetha Lorntz of Hudson; two step-sisters, Amber and Brandy Miller of Hudson; maternal grandmother, Ruth Rowlison of Waterloo; paternal grandparents, Merle and Beverly Lorntz of Pleasant Lake; maternal great-grandmother, Ruth Dillin of Sturgis, MI; step-grandmother, Joan Miller of Hudson.

He was preceded in death by maternal grandfather, Dale Rowlison in 2005.

Funeral services were Friday, November 4, 2011 at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Officiating the funeral service was Pastor Kent Young.

Preferred memorials may be made to the Aboite House, Anthony Wayne Services of Allen County, where Boo lived for the past seven years.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
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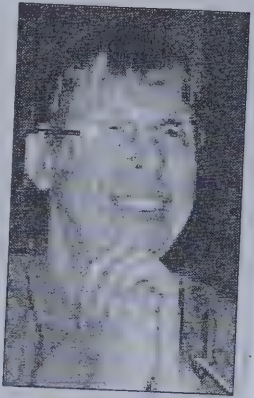
November 9, 2011, Wednesday

Ann E. Mitchell, 66



Ann Elizabeth Mitchell died early Saturday afternoon, October 29, 2011 at Parkview Hospital. She was 66 years old. Ann lived her entire life in Noble County, and for the last 50 years resided with her family in Avilla.

Ann, the daughter of Frank and Florence Mitchell, was born at McCray Hospital in Kendallville on January 31, 1945. She grew up on a farm just North of Avilla and attended Avilla School. Ann's hobbies and interests adapted much throughout her adult life as her sight and hearing diminished. In her younger years she assisted her mother in maintaining a home for mentally disabled children. She enjoyed helping with domestic tasks along with providing supervision and entertainment for the children in her mother's care. She also enjoyed reading and traveling with her family. In later years, blindness and difficulty hearing restricted her activities, but she continued to enjoy music, her reading radio, family pets, travel, and dinner parties with family and friends.

Ann's father died in 1954 and her mother died in 2001. She is survived by her brother, James Mitchell; her niece, Michelle Mitchell (whom she considered her sister); her nephew, Franklin (Chad) Mitchell; a great niece, Chloe; and two great-nephews, Brandon and Chad, as well as her good friends Doyle Miller, Collin Lee, Kathy Lee and Robert Lee.

Visitation is scheduled for Friday, November 11, from 5 until 8 p.m. followed by a Funeral service on Saturday, November 12, at 11 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla with visitation prior to the service at 10:30 a.m. Burial will be in the Avilla Cemetery with a luncheon to follow in the Avilla Community Center.

Preferred memorials are to Northeast Indiana Radio Reading Service (NEIRRS), 7615 DiSalle Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN 46825.

To sign the online guest register book go to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
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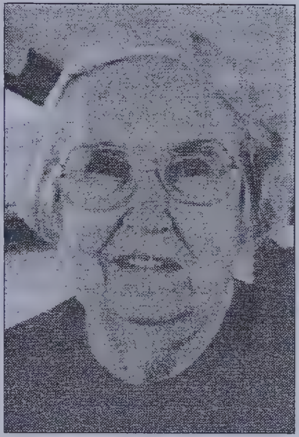
November 9, 2011, Wednesday

Eileen Porter, 98



Eileen Porter, age 98, formerly of LaOtto, died on Friday, November 4, 2011 at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

Mrs. Porter was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on September 8, 1913 to the late James B. and Cora (Beard) Miller.

She married Gerald C. Porter on December 29, 1929 in Fort Wayne and he preceded her in death on July 17, 1976.

Eileen was a dedicated mother and homemaker. Earlier she lived in Phoenix, Arizona for six years before moving to Lutheran Life Villages in 2001.

She was a soloist and member of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in LaOtto.

She was a past member of the Order of Eastern Star, Churubusco chapter.

For more than 50 years, Eileen enjoyed belonging to the LaOtto Euchre Club.

She also was a member of the Swanettes Homemakers Club.

Survivors include sons, Richard Porter of LaOtto, Dennis and Gail Porter of Rockaway Beach, OR, Gerald and Cherry Porter of Hartsville, SC; daughters, Janet and Rev. Edwin Parker of Fort Wayne, Jane and Mike Helbert of Albion; 11 grandchildren and six step-grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.

She was preceded in death by two grandsons, Steven Porter, who died in 2004; and Lindsey Porter.

Graveside funeral services and burial were Wednesday, November 9, 2011 at the Perry Township Huntertown Cemetery near Huntertown, Indiana, with the Rev. Edwin Parker officiating.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
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November 9, 2011, Wednesday

Ayden E. Charles, 4

Ayden Edward Charles, 4, of Wolcottville died Friday, November 4, 2011, at 11:53 a.m. in Peyton Manning Children's Hospital, Indianapolis, Indiana.

He was born May 30, 2007, in LaGrange to David A. and Candice (Nicole) Charles.

His parents survive in Wolcottville.

Also surviving are two brothers, David J. Charles and Connor D. Charles, both at home; maternal grandparents, Christine and Tommy D. Miller, Sr. of LaGrange and Patrick E. and Stacy Nicole of Wolcottville; maternal great grandparents, Eldon and Martha Zook of LaGrange; paternal grandparents, Laura Charles of Kimmell, and John and Sherry Charles of Cromwell; paternal great-grandparents, Myrtle Kline of Kimmell and Stella and Shelby Jacobs of Cromwell; and paternal great-great-grandparents, Vivian and Floyd Heltzel of Rome City.

He was preceded in death by maternal great-grandparents, Carolyn Zook, Rosemary Nicole, and Richard Nicole.

Funeral services were Tuesday, November 8, 2011, at Vineyard Christian Fellowship, Rome City, with Pastor Larry Anglemyer, Sr. of Hilltop Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, SR 9 North, Wolcottville is assisting the family with arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
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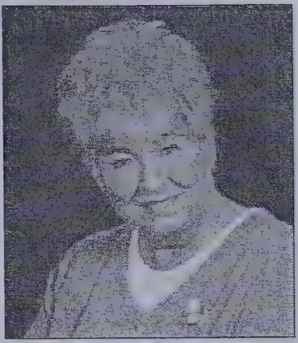
November 9, 2011, Wednesday

Evelyn R. Winebrenner, 82



Evelyn R. Winebrenner, 82, of rural Columbia City, died at 2:42 p.m. Saturday, November 5, 2011 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne where she was admitted on Thursday, October 27th.

She was born November 6, 1928 in Elkhart County, Indiana a daughter of Cecil and Faith (Miller) Phend. As a young girl, her family moved to Merriam. She graduated from Wolf Lake High School.

On May 29, 1949 she was united in marriage to Tyrus A. Winebrenner. They made their first home at Bear Lake, later moving to a farm in York Township, Noble County for 13 years. They returned to Merriam for a year before they moved to the Winebrenner farm in Noble County in 1963 until 1989 when they moved to Crooked Lake. In January 1998 they moved into Columbia City. Mr. Winebrenner died November 12, 2000.

She was a member of Merriam Christian Chapel Church where she was a Sunday School teacher for many years and sang in the church choir.

Surviving relatives include four children, Nick E. Winebrenner of Tulsa OK, Steven A. (Cynthia) Winebrenner of Churubusco, Douglas J. (Karen) Winebrenner of Fort Wayne and Jody M. Rex of Albion; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Madelyn Walter of Columbia City, Josephine Halter of Fort Wayne and Betty Pepple of Hicksville OH.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a brother, Harold Phend.

The funeral service was held Wednesday at Merriam Christian Chapel Church, 3985 S U.S. 33. The burial was in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

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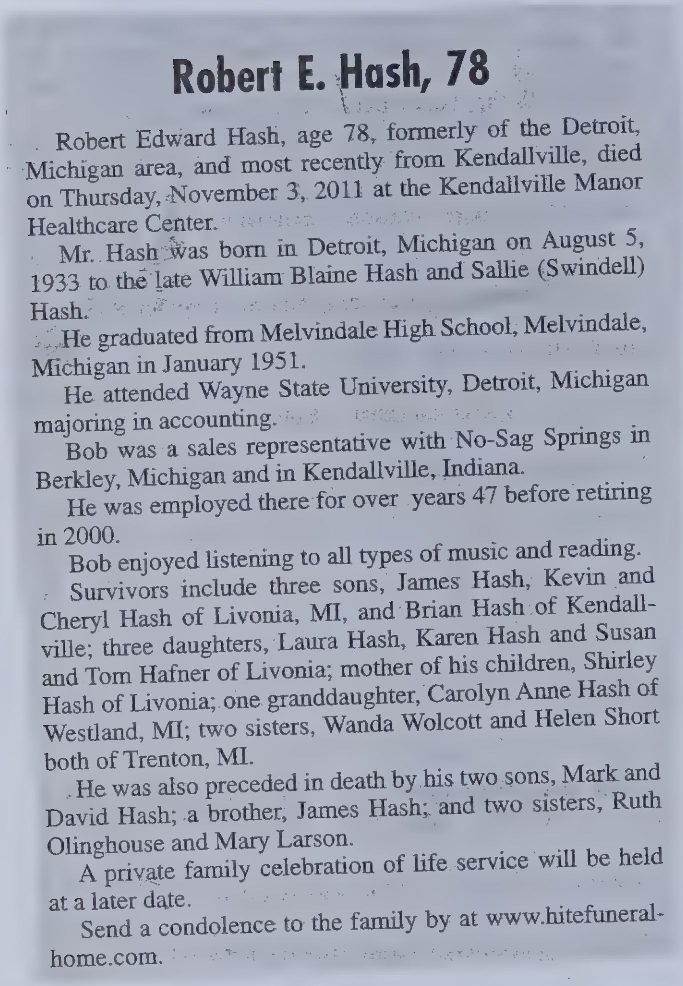

Robert E. Hash, 78

Robert Edward Hash, age 78, formerly of the Detroit, Michigan area, and most recently from Kendallville, died on Thursday, November 3, 2011 at the Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center.

Mr. Hash was born in Detroit, Michigan on August 5, 1933 to the late William Blaine Hash and Sallie (Swindell) Hash.

He graduated from Melvindale High School, Melvindale, Michigan in January 1951.

He attended Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan majoring in accounting.

Bob was a sales representative with No-Sag Springs in Berkley, Michigan and in Kendallville, Indiana.

He was employed there for over years 47 before retiring in 2000.

Bob enjoyed listening to all types of music and reading.

Survivors include three sons, James Hash, Kevin and Cheryl Hash of Livonia, MI, and Brian Hash of Kendallville; three daughters, Laura Hash, Karen Hash and Susan and Tom Hafner of Livonia; mother of his children, Shirley Hash of Livonia; one granddaughter, Carolyn Anne Hash of Westland, MI; two sisters, Wanda Wolcott and Helen Short both of Trenton, MI.

He was also preceded in death by his two sons, Mark and David Hash; a brother, James Hash; and two sisters, Ruth Olinghouse and Mary Larson.

A private family celebration of life service will be held at a later date.

Send a condolence to the family by at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
November 10, 2011, Thursday

Lindsie Truelove

ALBION — Lindsie Kay Truelove, age 23, died on Monday morning, November 7, 2011, as the result of a single motor vehicle accident in rural Kendallville.

Miss Truelove

She was born on June 20, 1988, in Kendallville, and was the daughter of Larry G. and Wanda (Owen) Truelove.

Miss Truelove was a 2007 graduate of Central Noble High School where she was All Conference in softball.

She was a 10-year member of the Noble County 4-H, she loved shopping, and quilting, but most of all spending time with her friends and her family.

She graduated from Trine University in May 2011 where she majored in finance, and received her Bachelor of Science degree in business administration. She worked at Campbell & Fetter Bank as a staff accountant in Kendallville, where she started in June 2011.

She is survived by her parents, Larry and Wanda Truelove of Albion; her sister, Laramie Truelove of Albion; maternal grandmother, Mary Owen Stolte of Albion; paternal grandparents, Kay and Hazel Truelove of Albion; Her boyfriend, Josh Kwaschigroh of Rome City; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and lots and lots of friends.

She is preceded in death by her maternal grandfather, Woodward Owen; her stepgrandfather, Richard Stolte; and her uncle, Randall "Hank" Owen.

Funeral services for Miss Truelove will be on Friday, November 11, 2011, at 10 a.m. at the Central Noble High School Auditorium. Pastor Bret Frymier will officiate.

Visitation will be today, Thursday, from 3 to 8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, and also one hour prior to the funeral on Friday.

Burial will be at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Please make memorials to Albion baseball and softball programs or the Noble County Humane Shelter.

View the video tribute for Lindsie or send online condolences to brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Bertha Fetter

KENDALLVILLE — Bertha B. Fetter, 101, died Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2011, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Funeral services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Steve Igney

FORT WAYNE — Steve K. Igney, 52, died Monday, Nov. 7, 2011.

Mr. Igney was a mechanical engineer with Indiana Phoenix Inc., McNeilus, and Terex for 28 years.

Mr. Igney

He was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, where he played in the dartball club and on the softball team and was the financial trustee. He also belonged to SAE, Georgetown Little League and was a Fort Wayne Lutheran Basketball Association official and ASA umpire.

He was born in Decatur.

Surviving are his wife, Beth Igney and a son, Jacob Igney, both of Fort Wayne; his parents, Doyle and Rheta Igney of Kendallville; a brother, Brad (Sandy) Igney of Wolcottville; a sister, Cynthia (Myron) Noward of Kendallville; his in-laws, Stan and Bev Payne of Fort Wayne; a sister-in-law, Deanna (Edward) Meyer of Beavercreek, Ohio; nephews and nieces and many aunts, uncles and friends.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 917 W. Jefferson Blvd. Burial will be in Concordia Cemetery Gardens.

Visitation will be from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday at D. O. McComb and Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road., and one hour prior to the services at the church Saturday.

Memorials are to Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
November 10, 2011, Thursday

Martha Cobbs

WOLCOTTVILLE — Martha A. Cobbs, 87, of Wolcottville died Tuesday, November 8, 2011, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Cobbs

Mrs. Cobbs was a graduate of Kendallville High School and a lifetime resident of Wolcottville and LaGrange County.

She had worked at General Electric in Fort Wayne for five years. She then worked in the office of Dr. Pulskamp in Wolcottville. She also worked 28 years for LaGrange County, where she was a deputy assessor and served as the LaGrange County assessor from 1975 to 1986. She worked in other LaGrange County offices, with her last position being in the treasurer's office.

Martha was a member of the Wolcottville United Methodist Church, American Legion Post 381 Auxiliary in Rome City, and the LaGrange Chapter of the Eastern Star.

She was born January 10, 1924, in Noble County to David W. and Nancy (Reed) Fiandt. On October 10, 1948, she married Robert L. Cobbs. He preceded her in death on November 3, 2003.

Surviving are a daughter, Rev. Nancy Jo Cobbs of Baytown, Texas; a son and daughter-in-law, David and Katarina Cobbs of North Webster; three grandchildren, Kim, Gretchen, and David; several great-grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, David and Zula Fiandt of Blackman Lake; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Herman Fiandt, in 1929.

Funeral services will be Saturday, November 12, 2011, at 11 a.m. in the Wolcottville United Methodist Church with the Rev. Jack Thomas officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Pallbearers will be David James Fiandt, Dean Gillespie, Mitch Fiandt, Jim Neumann, Tom Hulen and Duane Targgart.

Calling is Friday, November 11, 2011, from 2 to 7 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville, and one hour prior to the service on Saturday at the church.

Preferred memorials are to the Wolcottville United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Ash McCray

MILFORD — Ash M. McCray, 7-month-old son of A.C. and Erin McCray, died Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2011, at Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Mishler Funeral Home, Milford. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery in Warsaw.

Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Monday and one hour prior to the services Tuesday.

Memorials are to the family.

Evelyn Eash

LAGRANGE — Evelyn M. Eash, 83, of Bronson, Mich., died Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2011, at her residence.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange. Memorials are to H & C Burnside Center, 65 Grahl Drive, Coldwater, MI 49036. Checks should be made payable to BCCOA.

THE NEWS SUN
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November 10, 2011, Thursday

David Greenfield

AUBURN — David M. Greenfield, 63, of Auburn died Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2011, at DeKalb Health in Auburn.

Mr. Greenfield

Mr. Greenfield worked as a bricklayer for Slater Steel for over 32 years. He then went to work as a machine operator for Alcoa Automotive for eight years, retiring in 2010.

He is a member of the Auburn Baptist Church and a former member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church.

He was born Feb. 11, 1948, in Garrett to Edwin C. and Coralyn J. (Leas) Greenfield. He married Donna J. Goings on June 22, 1991, in Auburn. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a son, Isaac A. Greenfield of Fort Wayne; and two daughters, Bronwen Greenfield of Indianapolis and Caitlin M. Greenfield of Warsaw.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, Dennis A. Greenfield.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Visitation will be from 1-3 p.m. Saturday prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Eckhart Public Library in Auburn.

Send online condolences to www.fellerandclark.com.

Janice Paul

GARRETT — Janice G. Paul, 73, of Garrett died Wednesday, November 9, 2011, in the emergency room at DeKalb Health in Auburn.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

Lawrence Shearman

FREMONT — Lawrence H. "Sherm" Shearman, 70, died Tuesday night, Nov. 8, 2011, at Northern Lakes Nursing Center in Angola.

Mr. Shearman was born Feb. 15, 1941 in Fremont to Clarence and Winona C. (Dick) Shearman. He married Dianne Love May 16, 1999, and she survives.

Sherm enjoyed bowling, fishing and hunting.

He was a member of the FFA in high school.

Surviving are two daughters, Karen Shearman of Fremont and Lorie Stearns of Angola; three sons, Robert Krontz of Angola, Dennis Krontz of Butler and Jeffery Krontz of Fremont.

Also surviving Sherm are 12 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one grandchild.

Services will be Saturday, November 12, 2011, at 2 p.m. at the Metz Christian Church, with calling 1 hour prior to services. A graveside service will be held on Saturday, November 19, 2011, at Powers Cemetery east of Angola at 11 a.m.

Memorials may be given to the church.

H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

To sign the guestbook or to leave condolences to the family go to www.hejohnsonfh.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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Bertha Lafever-Fetter

AVILLA — Bertha Belle Lafever-Fetter, age 101, died on Wednesday, November 9, 2011, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. LaFever-Fetter

Mrs. LaFever-Fetter was born in Garrett, Indiana, on October 31, 1910, to the late Daniel and Goldie (Freeman) Pepple.

She first married Oscar LaFever on January 11, 1930, and he preceded her in death on August 7, 1965.

She later married her second husband, Oland Fetter, on June 5, 1969, in Butler, Indiana, and he died July 2, 1981.

Bertha was a homemaker and also employed with Electric Motors in Garrett for 16 years.

She was a member of the LaOtto Wesleyan Church where she taught Sunday school for 40 years.

She loved reading her Bible and playing the piano and the organ.

Bertha enjoyed quilting, crocheting, and sewing.

She served on the board of directors for the Butler City Library and was a past secretary for the DeKalb County Home Demonstration Club.

Survivors include a son-in-law, Devon Ihrie of Kendallville; a stepson, Hillis Fetter of Casselberry, Florida; five grandchildren, Dan and Corene Ihrie of Indianapolis, Mike and Shirley Ihrie of Kendallville, Steve and Sue Ihrie of Fort Wayne, Thomas Ihrie of Pennsylvania and Rose and Weldon Cline of Kendallville; nine great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Joyce Marie Ihrie, who died on September 12, 1984; three sisters, Hazel Rhodes, Bessie Huff and Mabel Barbdull; and two brothers, Robert and Huber Pepple.

Visitation will be Saturday, November 12, 2011. from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 2:30 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home.

Burial will be at Eel River Cemetery near Churubusco.

Preferred memorials may be made to Provena Sacred Heart Home.

Casketbearers will be Chad Ihrie, Troy Ihrie, Allison Ihrie, Tyler Ihrie, Weldon Cline and Tiffany Cline.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Janice Paul

GARRETT — Janice Gail Paul, 73, of Garrett died Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2011, in the emergency room at DeKalb Health in Auburn.

A memorial service will be at 6 p.m. Wednesday in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with Chaplain Karen Kosberg of Parkview Home Health and Hospice officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.

A full obituary will appear in Saturday's edition.

Betty Cox

WOLF LAKE — Betty N. Michael Cox, 71, of Wolf Lake, died on Wednesday, November 9, 2011.

Services are Monday at 11 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with th Rev. Dan Carlson officiating. Burial will follow in Wolf Lake Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 4-6 p.m. and one hour prior to services.

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Colleen Davis

KENDALLVILLE — Colleen Marie Davis, age 80, of Kendallville died on Thursday, November 10, 2011, at her daughter's residence in rural Kendallville.

Mrs. Davis

Mrs. Davis was born in Kendallville on October 15, 1931, to the late John Alexander Whitson and Ruth Evelyn (Kreiger) Whitson.

She married George W. Davis on April 17, 1948, in Reno, Nevada. He preceded her in death May 18, 2006.

Colleen was the office manager, bookkeeper and store clerk with Cline Lumber Companies in Kendallville and Wolcottville. Along with her husband, who was the company manager, they operated the lumber yards for nearly 45 years.

She was a very active and dedicated member of the Wayne Center United Methodist Church north of Kendallville. She served as a lay leader in the church and was involved with the United Methodist Women. She was a Sunday school teacher of all ages for over 50 years. Colleen was also involved as a youth group leader and choir member.

As a young girl, Colleen grew up in a family of talented entertainers. Colleen's father and his brothers, known as the Whitson Brothers, were members of the Ringling Brothers Circus. The world of entertainment was an important family heritage.

Colleen loved her church and family. She especially enjoyed traveling to the T.C. Dance competitions to watch her talented grandson, Nick, dance.

Her true passion in life was writing and reciting poetry and short stories.

Colleen also was a past member of the LaGrange Business Professional Women and the Wolcottville Lion's Club with her husband, George.

Survivors include her son, Robert M. Davis of Kendallville and her son and daughter-in-law, Edward and Shelia Davis of Kendallville; her daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and LTC Gary Smith of Kendallville; nine grandchildren, Robert Jr. and Maddie Davis of Kendallville, Christina Zimmerman of Kendallville, Nicole and Sgt. Daniel Bruno of Indianapolis, Sgt. Adam Davis of Ohio, Lindsay and Matt Drudge of Warsaw, Brittany Davis of Kendallville, and Matthew Smith, Nicholas Smith, and Erik Smith, all of Kendallville; and six great-grandchildren, Allison and Blaike Zimmerman, Maggie and Marshall Davis, Brianna Ferrell and Ethan Drudge.

She was also preceded in death by her great-great grandson, John Cecil Kelley.

Visitation and funeral services will be Monday, November 14, 2011, at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

The visitation will be from noon until 1 p.m. and the funeral service will begin at 1 p.m.

Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Sherrie Long.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Preferred memorials may be made to Wayne Center United Methodist Church or to the Friendship Food Pantry.

Send a condolence to the family or View a Video Tribute of Colleen by Monday at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Betsy Cox

WOLF LAKE — Betsy N. (Michael) Cox, age 71, was called home on November 9, 2011, at 8 a.m. by our Lord.

She was born on May 3, 1940, in Wolf Lake, Indiana, and was the daughter of the late Ernest J. and Kathryn E. (Keister) Michael.

A lifetime Noble County resident, she always lived within two miles of Wolf Lake. She graduated from Wolf Lake High School in 1958.

On August 10, 1958, she was united in marriage to Russell A. Cox at the Wolf Lake Baptist Church.

Mrs. Cox was a stay-at-home mom who enjoyed spending time with her family, sewing, knitting, crocheting and bowling.

Surviving are her husband of 53 years, Russell of Wolf Lake; her daughters, Kathryn and Kelly Cox, both of Wolf Lake; and a son, Michael Cox, of Wolf Lake. Also surviving are her sisters, Edith Rehling of Syracuse, Mary (Dale) Smith of Goshen, and Dorie Hutsell of Syracuse.; her brother Donald Michael of Laud, Indiana; and a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Larry (Mary) Cox of Zeeland, Michigan.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her mother-in-law and father-in-law, Laurel and Twyla Cox; her brothers, Paul Michael and Ernest Michael Jr.; and her brothers-in-law, William Cox, Richard Rehling, and Alan Hutsell.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, November 14, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. The Rev. Dan Carlson will officiate.

Visitation will be from 4-6 p.m. Sunday evening at the funeral home, with an additional hour of calling before the funeral on Monday.

Burial following the funeral will be at Wolf Lake Cemetery in Wolf Lake.

To send online condolences go to brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Lorraine Hines

AUBURN — Lorraine Hines, 84, of Auburn died Thursday, Nov. 10, 2011, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Funeral services will be Saturday, Nov. 19, at 11 a.m. at the Auburn Presbyterian Church, corner of Jackson and 12th streets.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at a later date.

Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18, at Feller & Clark Funeral home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, and one hour prior the the service at the church.

Memorials may be made to the Auburn Presbyterian Church, Susan G. Koman for the Cure or the Alzheimer's Association.

A full obituary will appear in the Sunday edition.

Janice Paul

GARRETT — Janice Gail (McCall) Paul, 73, of Garrett died Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2011, in the emergency room at DeKalb Health in Auburn.

Mrs. Paul

She was a 1956 graduate of Central High School in Fort Wayne.

She moved to Garrett from Fort Wayne in April 2008.

Mrs. Paul retired in 2004 from Symbol Mattress in Fort Wayne.

She was born June 30, 1938, in Fort Wayne to Robert Edward and Thelma A. (Baxter) McCall.

Surviving are a son, Gary Paul of Tampa, Fla.; three daughters, Debra Radliff of Colorado, Beverly Paul of Angola, and Renee Paul of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two sisters, Beverly Wilkinson of Jacksonville, N.C., and Vera Caldwell of Garrett; and her companion, George Goffner of Garrett.

A memorial service will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with Chaplain Karen Kosberg of Parkview Home Health and Hospice officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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Young woman's life brought smiles to community

BY BOB BRALEY
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ALBION — Albion has been a town in mourning since Monday, when a young woman who touched many lives throughout the community was killed in a car accident.

Lindsie K. Truelove, 23, was on her way to work in Kendallville when, for an unknown reason, her car left the road on C.R. 600N west of C.R. 500E, went up an embankment and rolled onto its top. She died at the scene.

"Albion experienced the tragic loss of one young member from our close-knit community," Albion town manager Beth Shellman said. "To many of our residents, including myself, Lindsie was one of our own."

Truelove

Those who knew Truelove, while shattered by her abrupt and too-early loss, shared stories of a young woman who brought joy to those around her.

"Lindsie was always a good role model for those younger, and always lit up a room with her presence," said her friend, Joelle Gaff.

"Lindsie was one of the nicest people I've ever had the chance to meet. She gave off a positive energy that was contagious and always had a smile on her face," said another friend, Justin Yates.

Scott, Jenni, Terri and Casey Applegate, in a written statement, wrote of trying to describe Lindsie's "big smile with all those teeth."

"Her laugh was contagious and brightened the days of those around her," said friend Kelsey Beam.

Lindsie and her sister, Laramie Truelove, were active in 4-H and softball, and friends of their parents, Larry and Wanda Truelove, had the pleasure of working with both girls in those areas.

"There are just some kids that stick with you," said Vicki Jellison. She and her husband, Tom Jellison, were Lindsie's and Laramie's 4-H club leaders, as well as friends of Larry and Wanda Truelove. Both Lindsie and Laramie are in that category, Vicki said.

"Lindsie was a wonderful young lady with a smile that was very contagious, and a laugh that can't help but warm your heart," Jellison said.

Lindsie and Laramie were mentors to younger 4-H'ers, who looked up to them, Jellison said.

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TRUELOVE: *Friends remember Lindsie's smile, love of Christmas*

"Lindsie was one of the nicest people I've ever had the chance to meet."

Justin Yates
Friend

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Dave Weeks, a family friend who coached Lindsie and Laramie in softball, remembered how they loved the game — and how Lindsie had to be encouraged not to throw like a girl at first.

"But I don't want to be a boy," she'd say.

"You don't have to be a boy. You just have to throw like one," he'd answer.

After knowing them when they were little, Weeks got the chance to coach both girls in softball at Central Noble High School. "She was an extremely hard worker," he said of Lindsie.

Lindsie had a rare ability to get along with anyone, Weeks said, adding, "If any teammate needed anything, Lindsie was there." She made the games fun, and she could laugh at herself, he said.

In the last two years he helped coach at Central Noble. "She was a huge asset. The kids loved her," he said. "I think deep down, she would have made a tremendous coach."

Lindsie had what Weeks called "Lindsie-isms" — running jokes. One he recalled was that she would joke about her mother's small hands. One time she said, "I'm going to hire her out to clean the inside of vases. Her hands can reach in there with no problem," he recalled.

Another "Lindsie-ism" involved a hunting trip with her boyfriend, Josh Kwaschigroh, Weeks said. The silence required for deer hunting wasn't possible, because Lindsie kept opening Pop Tarts packages and water bottles, so they saw only one deer. Lindsie was just more interested in the food and time with Josh than the hunting, Weeks said.

"Who would have known that the famous Pizza Pizzazz was the best invention in the history of the world, as she would say?" the Applegates said.

"Or that a mere food chopper could be an alarm clock, whether you needed to get up or not?" the Applegates said. "It was always funny to watch her pull the hood of her sweatshirt over her head, roll over and try to go back to sleep on the couch."

Lindsie loved Christmas, Weeks said. "She could recite the lines from the movie 'Elf' and 'How the Grinch Stole Christmas.'"

Lindsie had her own world, Weeks said, adding, "She let us in. It's very fortunate, the short time she was here, to be part of that."

Lindsie's friend, Courtney Cooper, said Lindsie was very proud of being from Albion.

"When I think of Lindsie's impact on the community, I think of the love she had for her hometown and how proud she was to be a resident of Noble County," Cooper said. "I've always known her to be content at home in Albion."

Cooper quoted John Cougar Mellencamp's "Small Town" — "No I cannot forget where it is that I come from, I cannot forget the people that love me, yeah, I can be myself here in this small town and people let me be just what I want to be."

"That is what Lindsie loved about her small community," Cooper said.

"Lindsie Truelove was one of the most selfless, positive and caring people I have ever met. Lindsie would lend a helping hand to anyone in need with a smile on her face," Beam said.

Lindsie's life seemed to have just begun, Jellison said. She had graduated from college in May and just started a job in her field at Campbell & Fetter Bank in Kendallville in June.

"Our hearts are so heavy with her and the whole community," Jellison said.

Gaff and Yates said Lindsie will be greatly missed by the community. "She made everyone around her a better person," Yates said.

"It's just a shock," Weeks said.

Central Noble softball players approached Weeks immediately after learning of the accident, he said, adding, "It affected them a great deal."

Plans are in the works to remember Lindsie during the next softball season, although details are still being sorted out, Weeks said. The players wanted it, and they want Lindsie's legacy to go on.

That legacy also continues because of what Lindsie added to others' lives, friends said.

"It's rare to find a true friend, one that doesn't judge or complain," said friend Emily Gallmeyer. "Lindsie was that once-in-a-lifetime kind of friend. It was just easy with her. It didn't matter if it had been days, weeks, or even months since seeing each other; we could always pick up where we left off.

"She wasn't about fancy clothes or shiny things," Gallmeyer said. "She was the kind of girl you could put on a pair of sweats with and your hair up on top of your head and she wouldn't think twice of it. Lindsie's outlook on life made me look at what was really important; family, friends, and the ones we loved. She was a rare find, and anyone that spent time with her knew she was a special person. I will never forget our time together."

Using their nickname for Lindsie, the Applegates said, "We always thought of Lou as one of our daughters. Out family will surely never be the same without Lou, her witty wisdom and her analogy of life." Nothing will take away their great memories of her, they said.

"We have known Lindsie from that little girl who hung out next door through her high school sports years and watched her become a beautiful young lady," James and Bev Stull wrote. "She was part of the neighborhood family. We will miss our little chats as her mom and her would walk by. We will mostly remember her smile, her bubbly personality and respectfulness.

"She will be dearly missed but not forgotten," the Stulls wrote. "We are sure she is in heaven looking down on us with that wonderful smile."

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Jack Reidenbach: an honest, fair man

BY DENNIS NARTKER
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PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Jack Reidenbach takes a ride on his first farm tractor.

WAWAKA — Jack Edward Reidenbach was known by family, friends and those who had dealings with him as an honest and fair man.

He was a hard-working farmer who served in Noble County government as recorder, auditor and a member of the Noble County Council.

He was a Christian, a legendary disciplinarian, a Detroit Tigers fan and loved his family.

Reidenbach, 89, of Wawaka, died Sunday, Oct. 16, 2011, but his legacy lives on through his family and those who knew him.

"Jack was a good man," said Louis Lash, who served for more than 30 years on the Indiana Farm Bureau board of directors with Reidenbach. Lash was president and Reidenbach was vice president. Lash recalled a time when former President Bill Clinton wanted to nationalize all the waterways.

Mr. Reidenbach

"Five of us, including Jack, got a petition together and helped stop it," he said. "Jack was well-known and well-liked in Elkhart Township, and that's why I asked him to serve on the board. He was an outstanding board member."

Phil Reidenbach described his father as a very principled man.

"He truly believed in the Golden Rule. I never witnessed him treat a single person any different than he would want to be treated," he said. His father farmed ground for other people on shares. "He always made sure to give them their fair share," said Phil Reidenbach.

Reidenbach was elected to the office of Noble County auditor and Noble County recorder over a 12-year period. He also served on the Noble County Council, and was an Elkhart Township trustee. He was one of the few Democrats who could get elected in Noble County and did not care about other people's politics while in office, but cared deeply while at the coffee shop, according to his son Phil.

"Many people can share the stories about coffee-shop politics and farming they had at the coffee shop with Dad," he said.

His son, John, said his father was jokingly nicknamed "Landslide Jack," because his elections to office were always close.

John remembered growing up on the farm, where Jack Reidenbach raised 600 to 700 acres of corn and soybeans and had a herd of about 30 Guernsey cows.

"Cows and work came first before breakfast. Work before play," said John.

Another task for the Reidenbach family without question was attending church on Sunday mornings. John said,

"Dad insisted we went to church together as a family, no question about it." Phil Reidenbach said. He added that his father never preached to anyone, but was the kind of man who made others want to follow Christ because of his actions.

He loved his four children and grandchildren.

"Mom and dad supported us in all of our school activities, and in 4-H," said John. The young grandchildren would end up on their grandfather's lap after a rib tickle, and then he would pretend to struggle lifting them to exaggerate their weight.

Reidenbach didn't physically punish his children for misbehaving.

"He never raised his voice or used unkind words. Dad only had to tell us that what we did had disappointed him. We never wanted to be a disappointment to Dad," said Phil.

Reidenbach helped his parents, Edward Clayton and Opha Reidenbach, on the farm while growing up.

"When dad started helping my grandfather, they farmed with a horse. When he got his first tractor while in high school, Dad thought he had the tiger by the tail on that thing," recalled John.

Jack and Mary Reidenbach enjoyed many winters together in Tavares, Fla., and loved fishing there. They belonged to the 500 Card Club in Noble County for 63 years. Jack was a member of the Noble County Gas and Steam Association, and an avid Detroit Tigers fan.

His wife preceded him in death on Nov. 1, 2007, after 63 years of marriage.

Survivors include two daughters and a son-in-law; two sons and a daughter-in-law; 13 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; a sister; and a brother.

"The entire family is very proud of the way our father, grandfather and great-grandfather lived his life," said Phil.

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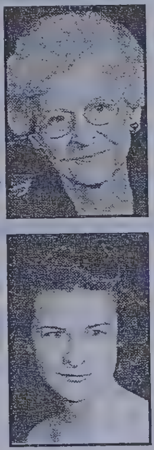
Lorraine Hines

AUBURN — Lorraine Hines, 84, of Auburn, died early Thursday morning November 10, 2011 at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Lorraine was born June 24, 1927 in Newberry, Michigan, to the late Russell C. and Isabelle L. (Gunton) Pelletier. She spent her childhood years in Mount Pleasant Michigan and graduated from Mount Pleasant High School, she attended Central Michigan College in Mount Pleasant.


Mrs. Hines

While visiting relatives in Auburn and working at the Court Theater she met her future husband David B. Hines. They were married on July 18th 1948 in Auburn where they spent their married life. David preceded her in death on October 7, 1984.

Lorraine retired as office manager for Dr. John C. Harvey in Auburn. She was a member of Auburn Presbyterian Church and the Ruth Circle. She was a member of the Eastern Star, American Legion Auxillary, and a former member of Tri Kappa. Lorraine was a volunteer for the Cancer Society for many years with the Reach to Recovery program, helping many women with their recovery from breast cancer and mastectomies. She was a very loving and giving woman who never hesitated to help anyone in need.

She enjoyed cooking, entertaining, gardening and her children and grandchildren. Lorraine is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Beecher D. and Gail (Martin) Hines of Garrett, her daughter and son-in-law Jennifer and Michael Beebe of Auburn. Seven grandchildren, Ginger Leos of San Diego, California, Jody Geisinger (Lance Pepple) of Auburn, Nicholas (Jeri Ann) Hines of New York City, Rachel (Tim) Guenin of Auburn, Alison, Abigail and David Hines also of Auburn. Six great grandchildren, Brianna Leos, Jenna Myers, Marissa Myers, Anjelica Prince, Paige Hentzell and Timothy Bailey, four step great grandchildren, James, Rachael, Leah and Rebekah Guenin, several neices and nephews. And the loving staff of Miller's Merry Manor.

In addition to her parents and husband Lorraine was preceded in death by her sister Phyllis Wood, and her brother Duane Pelletier.

Funeral Services will be Saturday, November 19th at 11 a.m. at the Auburn Presbyterian Church, corner of Jackson and 12th streets with the Rev. Lyle Ewing officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetary at a later date.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Friday, November 18 at Feller and Clark Funeral home, 1860 S. Center St. Auburn, and one hour prior the the service at the church.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimers Association or Susan G. Komen For the Cure, P.O. Box 650309, Dallas, TX; 75265-0309.

Irene Canzier

GARRETT — Irene A. Canzier, 90, Garrett, died at 5:15 a.m. Saturday, November 12, 2011 at Miller's Merry Manor, in Garrett.

Irene was born on November 8, 1921 in Kendallville to Michael and Sophia (Hatzitsoris) Canzier and they preceded her in death. She graduated from Indiana University - Bloomington, and was employed by the American Red Cross in Cleveland. She later joined her parents in owning and operating The Superior Drive-In in Garrett. She was a member of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church - Fort Wayne and The Daughter's of Penelope - a fraternal and charitable organization. She was a former member of Tri Kappa Sorority.

She is survived by cousins in Athens, Greece and the United States and many friends and neighbors.

Visitation will take place from 4-6 p.m. Monday, November 14, 2011 at Thomas Funeral Home - Garrett and one hour prior to services at the church.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 110 E. Wallen Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46825 with Father Paul Bebis officiating.

Burial will follow in Greenlawn Memorial Park, 6600 Covington Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46804

Memorials are to Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, Miller's Merry Manor Activity Department or the Donor's choice.

You may send a condolence or sign the online register book by visiting: www.thomasfuneralhome.org

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Marbelle Davis

HAMILTON — Marabelle (Kunce) Davis, 81, of Hamilton passed away November 12, 2011 at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn, where she had been a patient since late August. Mrs. Davis had suffered from diabetes for a number of years and from a heart attack in mid-August.

Mrs. Davis

Marabelle (Kunce) Davis was born September 23, 1930 in Fairfield Township of DeKalb County, Indiana near Helmer. She was the youngest of two children born to James H. and Lucile M. (Gardner) Kunce. Her paternal grandparents were George and Mercy Ellen (Van Pelt) Kunce and her maternal grandparents were William and Ella Mina (Weirich) Gardner.

Marabelle's father, James worked for the Wabash Railroad and moved several times during her early childhood. Marabelle attended her first year grade school in Helmer, then started second grade in Salem Center, Indiana. December 1937, she moved with her parents to Wolcottville, Indiana where she attended school through the third grade. She then moved with her parents to Hamilton where she graduated from Hamilton High School in 1949. Following high school, she worked at Clyde Weirich's Drug Store in Angola, Messenger's in Auburn and the Silver Lake Inn west of Angola. On August 31, 1957, at the home of her parents, she was united in marriage to George Wendell Davis, with Rev. William Chowning officiating. She was a homemaker and mother of two children. She professed her faith to God at the Hamilton United Methodist Church and was baptized under the ministry of Rev. Amos L. McGinnis.

She was preceded in death by an older sister, Opal June Kunce in 1926, her mother, Lucile in 1971, her father, James in 1977 and her husband, George in 2006. She is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, James and Carol Davis of Hamilton, one daughter, Rosalie A. Davis of Grabill, one grandson, Benton H. Davis of Hamilton and a sister-in-law, Ruth E. Kunkel of Hamilton.

Viewing will be on Monday, November 14, 2011 at the Feller & Clark Funeral Home in Waterloo from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 pm. The funeral will be held at the Feller & Clark Funeral Home, Waterloo, on Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at 11 a.m. Interment will follow in the South Scott Cemetery.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

R. Lucille Hollinger

FORT WAYNE — R. Lucile Hollinger, 85, passed away Friday, November 11, 2011 at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Butler, Lucile worked as a podiatry assistant for 16 years. She was a member of Simpson United Methodist Church; United Methodist Women; Church Women United and chaired several committees at church. She enjoyed gardening, growing flowers and caring for her house plants. She was an avid bridge player and a wonderful cook, but her passion in life was her family and spending time with her grandchildren.

Mrs. Hollinger

Surviving are her spouse of 64 years, Richard A. Hollinger of Fort Wayne; daughter, LuAnn (Patrice) Kerevel of New Jersey; son, Donald (Kathy) Hollinger of Bloomington; sisters, Dorothy Willibey of Cedarville, June (Glen) Chambers of Baltimore; granddaughters, Angela (Steven) Newman, Renee (Chris) Scott; grandsons, Yann (Maria Jose) Kerevel and Abel (Sarah) Kerevel. Ruth was preceded in death by her parents Ray and G. Ruth Miller and a sister Betty Sebert-Strock .

Service is at 10 a.m., Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at D. O. McComb and Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road. Visitation will be Monday, November 14, 2011 at 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Memorials may be made to the Simpson United Methodist Church or the Rheumatoid Arthritis Foundation.

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Lucenia Combs

WOLCOTTVILLE — Lucenia (Moore) Combs, 74, of Wolcottville went to be with Jesus Saturday, November 12, 2011, at 9:35 a.m. in her home with her family at her side.

She worked at Miller's Merry Manor of LaGrange as a nurse's aide for 11 years. She also worked at the LaGrange Community Hospital in LaGrange as a nurse's aide for seven years.

Mrs. Combs

Lucenia's life revolved around her husband, children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. They were her joy in life.

She was born May 7, 1937 in Knott County Kentucky to Jasper and Fairlenia (Napier) Moore. On September 25, 1954 she married the love of her life Reverend Leburn "Lee" Combs, he survives in Wolcottville.

Along with her husband, she leaves her eight children to cherish her memories: Reverend Clarence and Judy Combs (Wolcottville), Lilly and John Powell (Findlay, OH), Jerry Combs (Kendallville), Kenith Combs (Kendallville), Danny Combs (Wolcottville), Del and Wendy Combs (Wolfe Lake), Joanna and 1st Sgt. Danny Conley (Fort Riley, KS) and Shronna and Mike Mast (Rome City); 18 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren; a brother, Dalton and Jeannette Moore (Jones Lake), and a sister, Irene and Darrell Hilton (Winchester, KY).

She was preceded in death by her parents, six sisters, and two brothers.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, November 16, 2011, at 11 a.m. in Community Baptist Church, 6170 E 700 S, Wolcottville with the Reverend Buddy Jones, the Reverend Willie Collins, and the Reverend Jim Snyder officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Honorary pallbearers will be Clarence Combs, Jerry Combs, Danny Combs, Del Combs, 1st Sgt. Danny Conley, Noah Tuttle, Duke Lovely, and Jasper Case. Active pallbearers will be Kenith Combs, Josh Combs, John Powell, Mike Mast, Tom Tuttle, and A.J. Conley.

Calling is Monday, November 14, 2011, from 4-8 p.m. in Five Corners Baptist Church, State Road 9 North and 600 S, Wolcottville.

Calling will also be Tuesday, November 15, 2011, after 2 p.m. in Community Baptist Church, 6170 E 700 S, Wolcottville, where there will be an evening service at 6 p.m.

Preferred memorials are to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, State Road 9 North, Wolcottville is assisting the family with arrangements.

View a video tribute after Monday or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

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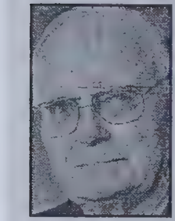
Otis Lash

ANGOLA — Otis L. Lash, 93, of Angola passed away at 8:15 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, 2011, at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.


Mr. Lash

He was born on Jan. 21, 1918, in Conde, S.D., to James and Emma (Woodard) Lash. He was member of Salem Center Presbyterian Church, and Orland American Legion Post 423. He was a retired farmer and carpenter. He married Eleanor V. Wood on Aug. 14, 1943, in Angola. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a lifetime resident of LaGrange County and Steuben County.

Survivors are his wife Eleanor; four sons, LeRoy and Patsy Lash of Hudson, Richard and Anna Lash of Pleasant Lake, Norman and Cindy Lash of Angola, and Roger Lash of Angola; one daughter, Adele Lash of Indianapolis; five grandchildren, Micheal Lash, Tina Lash Wolcott, Chad Lash, Jennifer Lash, and Phil Lash; eight great-grandchildren; three step-great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; four sisters, Elaine Hartman of Hamilton, Carol Carpenter of Angola, Lorene DePew of Garrett, and LaVonne Fulk of Auburn; and two brothers, Earl and Gerald, both of Hamilton.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Rhoda Hedglin and Ione June Lash, and a brother, Ormond Lash.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Johnson Funeral Home. Pastor Bill Hambright will officiate and burial will be at a later date at Circle Cemetery.

Calling will be on Tuesday from 4-7 p.m.

Memorials are to Salem Center Presbyterian Church. Condolences may be sent to www.dalejohnsonfh.com

Henry Hill Sr.

AUBURN —Henry C. Hill Sr., 74, died Sunday, Nov. 13, 2011, at his home in Auburn.

Mr. Hill was a self employed mechanic, retiring in 1990.

He was born June 4, 1937, in Cynthiana, Ky.

He married Patsy A. Congleton on Dec. 6, 1974, in Fort Wayne. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are two sons, David A. Hill of Auburn, and Henry C. Hill Jr. of Auburn; and a granddaughter, Mercedes Hill.

He was preceded in death by his father, William H. Hill.

There are no services planned at this time.

A private service will take place at a later date.

Memorials may be directed to the family, in care of Patsy Hill.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com

Janice Crouse

FORT WAYNE — Janice A. Crouse, 58, passed away Saturday, Nov. 12, 2011, at her home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Crouse

Born in Fort Wayne, Janice worked for the city of Auburn and most recently as an office assistant with Pine Valley Country Club.

Janice enjoyed making jewelry, cooking, reading, and traveling to the ocean. She loved her dog "Lacee" and had a love for dolphins. She loved spending time with her family and cherished her grandchildren.

Surviving are her sons, Daniel (Libby) Crouse and Joshua Crouse both of Fort Wayne; daughters, Jenny (Brian) Garn of LaOtto and Devon Crouse of San Diego, Calif.; grandchildren, Brodey, Brandon and Jillian Garn, and Noah and Gabrielle Crouse; parents, Robert and Barbara Howard of Fort Wayne; brother, Steven (Teresa) Howard of Fort Wayne; sisters, Cheryl (David) Childers of Fort Wayne and Susan (Dennis) McComb of Dallas, Ga.

Services will be at 2 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2011, at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with the Rev. Frank Sitcler officiating and calling one hour prior.

Calling also will be at the funeral home Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2011, from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m.

Memorials may be made to the family. To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

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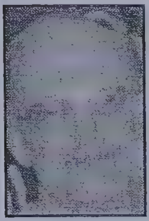
Gary Kain

ORLAND — Gary Lee Kain, 66, of Orland died Saturday, Nov. 12, 2011, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.


Mr. Kain

He was born Dec. 22, 1944, in Bronson, Mich., to Glen and Arla Rae (Houtz) Kain; they preceded him in death. He married Pat E. Goulter on May 5, 1964, at Lake Gage Congregational Church, Steuben County.

He worked for 23 years on the Indiana Toll Road, and retired from the Steuben County Highway Department.

Mr. Kain was a 1963 graduate of Orland High School. He was a member of the Orland Lions Club. He was current chairman of the Millgrove Township Advisory Board.

Survivors are his wife, Pat E. Kain of Orland; two daughters, Mindy and Jeff Reid of Orland and Donna and Tim Slabach of Wolverine Lake, Mich.; four grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and two brothers, Ronald and Carolyn Kain and Michael "Mick" and Paula Kain, both of California.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Robert Berry and Thomas "Tom" Kain.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home with Pastor Jason B. Rains from Sonlight Community Church, Angola, officiating.

Burial will be at a later date at Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Memorials are to the Orland Fire and Rescue, P.O. Box 446, Orland, IN 46776.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com

LeRoy Hochstetler

SHIPSHEWANA — LeRoy Hochstetler, 82, of Shipshewana died Sunday, Nov. 13, 2011, at his residence.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Tuesday at the family residence, 9690 S.R. 120, Shipshewana.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the family residence, conducted by Bishop Orla Bontrager and home ministers. Burial will be in Lehman Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is handling arrangements.

Mabel Bry

AUBURN — Mabel M. Bry, 93, of Auburn died Saturday, Nov. 12, 2011, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Arrangements are pending at Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn.

Ruth Miller

ANGOLA —Ruth Anne Miller, 91, died at her home at Cameron Woods, Angola on Saturday, Nov. 12, 2011.

She was born May 7, 1920, in Ridgeville to John and Mayme Inez (Pogue) Collett. She married Kenneth C. Miller on Nov. 20, 1943.

She was a homemaker in her own home.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Douglas and Linda Miller of Garden City, Mich.; two granddaughters; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Kenneth C. Miller, on April 20, 1999; and two sisters, Helen Brown and Pauline Haley.

Services will be held in Garden City, Mich., at a later date.

Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Park, Albuquerque, N.M.

You may sign the guest book at www.weichtfh.com

Arrangements are handled by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Colleen Ridenour

LIGONIER — Colleen J. Ridenour, 76, of Ligonier and formerly of Bourbon, died Sunday, Nov. 13, 2011, in Unity Medical & Surgical Hospital of Mishawaka.

Calling will be Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. in Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home, 115 S. Main St. Bourbon, IN 46504.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Bourbon.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Association.

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Lawrence Shearman

FREMONT — Lawrence H. "Sherm" Shearman, 70, died Tuesday night, Nov. 8, 2011, at Northern Lakes Nursing Center in Angola.

Mr. Shearman was born Feb. 15, 1941 in Fremont to Clarence and Winona C. (Dick) Shearman. He married Dianne Love on May 16, 1999, and she survives.

Sherm enjoyed bowling, fishing and hunting.

Mr. Shearman worked for Metaldyne in Fremont for 38 years, retiring in 2003.

He was a member of the FFA in high school.

Surviving are two daughters, Karen Shearman of Fremont and Lorie Stearns of Angola; three sons, Robert Krontz of Angola, Dennis Krontz of Butler and Jeffery Krontz of Fremont.

Also surviving Sherm are 12 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one grandchild.

Services were Saturday, November 12, 2011, at 2 p.m. at the Metz Christian Church, with calling one hour prior to services. A graveside service will be held on Saturday, November 19, 2011, at Powers Cemetery, east of Angola, at 11 a.m.

Memorials may be given to the church.

H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

To sign the guestbook or to leave condolences to the family, go to www.hejohnsonfh.com

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Just know your prayers, thoughts, cards, food, hugs and words of encouragement where deeply appreciated.

Thank you, Pastor Bret, for being there and leading the beautiful celebration of Dave's life and the ladies who provided the delicious lunch.

Thank you North Ridge and Hospice, for the care of Dave and concern for the family.

God Bless all of you,
Lora Gorsuch, Garry & Kim, Gregg & Rhonda, Ryne, Justine, TC, Jessie, Kelsey, Jorden, & Jared

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Thank You

Hite Funeral Home, Wawaka Church of the Brethren, Noble County 4-H Horse & Pony, Ligonier United Methodist Church, friends & family who supported us during the loss of our father, **Jack Reidenbach.**

Vicki, Peggy,
Philip & John

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Man sentenced in fatal OWI crash

Albion man killed in July collision

BY VALERIE CAVIGLIA
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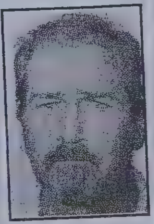
FORT WAYNE — A Fort Wayne man was sentenced Monday in Allen Superior Court for causing death when operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated.

Judge John F. Surbeck Jr. sentenced George W. Blair, 49, to four years in state prison, with an additional four years suspended subject to the terms of probation.

Donald Grover Boyer Jr., 44, of Albion, died of blunt-force trauma July 11 after Blair pulled his van in front of Boyer on U.S. 33, causing Blair's motorcycle to strike the van on the driver's side. Boyer was pronounced dead at the scene; Blair was not injured.


Blair

Investigators determined Blair's alcohol content level to be 0.12 — above the 0.08 limit of driving while intoxicated.

An emotionally charged courtroom held several friends, co-workers and family members of both men,

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CRASH: *Blair to pay restitution; license suspended*

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some of whom made statements on their behalf.

Richard Blair described his brother's many misfortunes leading up to a relapse after spending 15 years sober, including losing his job, a broken marriage and a heart attack, with expenses that left him homeless. Richard Blair also read a definition of alcoholism as a symptom of mental illness.

Others, including his pastor, discussed Blair's good character and their belief that he again would be a positive part of society.

Deb Boyer, widow to the deceased, read her statement alongside their youngest son.

"I'm angry and I hurt for my three sons. Because of one man's actions, they lost their father and I lost my husband," she said. "… The ultimate judge and jury will not be in any courtroom and, for that, I feel sorry for Mr. Blair."

The Boyers would have celebrated their 26th wedding anniversary in September.

Boyer's youngest son read aloud posts he made on his father's Facebook page after his death, which his mother says he does to express his feelings.

On Sept. 13, he wrote: "Well they got him, Dad. We might actually get some justice here. Someone actually said that it was just as hard for his family, because they don't get to see their dad, either … This person says he lost his battle with alcohol. Well you lost a battle with a drunk driver, which was totally out of your control. I just hope you didn't have enough time to realize what was happening, and I hope he sees your face every night when he closes his eyes. God knows I do. I love and miss you always."

Surbeck said while considering the character of the offender, he made observation of Blair's lack of previous criminal history and his prompt response accepting responsibility.

"It is extraordinary to get a guilty plea within 30 days of (a) charge," Surbeck said. "We often hear, 'I'm guilty, but …' I didn't hear a 'but' here today.

"I understand in this difficult time no one can be satisfied," Surbeck continued. "The best I can do is follow the law."

"No amount of time that Blair serves in jail is going to change what has happened or bring my husband and my sons' father back, but I am pleased that he got more than I expected," Deb Boyer said after the hearing. "Now we can begin the healing process and continue to honor Don's memory and help raise motorcycle awareness and safety."

The judge ordered Blair to pay $9,596 restitution and ordered his driver's license suspended for five years.

Blair will be required to undergo substance abuse treatment and a psychiatric evaluation. Under current sentencing structures, offenders may reduce their sentence by one day for each day served by earning credit time via participation in substance abuse treatment. A day-for-day credit of 66 days served will be observed in Blair's executed time, which likely will be two years in prison.

Two other charges of reckless homicide and causing death when operating a motor vehicle with a blood-alcohol content of 0.08 or more were dropped.

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Orval Myers

AVILLA — Orval Jack Myers, age 82, of Avilla died on Sunday, November 13, 2011, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Myers

Mr. Myers was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana, on June 13, 1929, to the late Jess and Omma (Kizer) Myers.

He attended Central High School in Fort Wayne and entered the U.S. Army to serve his country during the Korean War. Pfc. Myers belonged to the 364th Engineering Amphibians of the Fifth Army.

He married Betty Jane Longardner on July 9, 1952.

Orval was a millwright and employed with Tokheim in Fort Wayne for 40 years before retiring in June of 1989.

He was a faithful member of the Union Chapel Church of The Brethren in Christ in Fort Wayne and the Garrett American Legion.

Orval was a dedicated husband, father and grandfather and a talented wood craftsman.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Betty Jane Myers of Avilla; five sons, Rick and Becky Myers of Avilla, Dick and Marsha Myers of LaOtto, Orval "Butch" Jack II and Bambi Myers of Kendallville, James and Karen Myers of Kendallville and Jeff Myers of Avilla; nine grandchildren, Jill Myers of Venice, California, Ricky Myers of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Marisa Bernstein of Chicago, Illinois, Richard Myers II of LaOtto, Jason Myers of Fort Wayne, April Myers of Kendallville,Stephanie Dwyer of LaOtto, Jamie Halmagyi of Kendallville; and Andrea Beachey of Kendallville; 17 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Elenora Hinrich of Fort Wayne and Marylou Doan of Fort Wayne.

He was also preceded in death by his grandson, Ian Andrew Myers, who died March 10, 2011; five brothers, Roy, Calvin, Dorwin, Robert, and James Myers; and two sisters, Bertha "Tine" Kinsey and Violet "Sis" Burns.

Visitation will be Wednesday, November 16, 2011, from 3-7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Thursday, November 17, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Union Chapel Church, Coldwater and Union Chapel roads, in Fort Wayne. There will be an hour of visitation at the church before the funeral service.

Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Gary Reiber and Pastor Wayne Goldsmith.

Burial will be at Swan Cemetery near LaOtto. Casketbearers will be Richard, Ricky, and Jason Myers, Christopher Halmagyi, Todd Beachey, and Aaron Dwyer.

Preferred memorials may be made to Union Chapel Church or Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Orval by Wednesday at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Mabel Bry

AUBURN — Mabel Mae Reeder Bry, 93, of Auburn died Saturday, Nov. 12, 2011, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Bry was a homemaker. She also worked at the Auburn Rubber Co. for three years.

She was a member of the Concord United Methodist Church and the WSCS of the church. She was a member of the Home Demonstration Club for 45 years and past president of the Jackson Township Firemen's Auxiliary.

She was born Oct. 26, 1918, in DeKalb County to Charles P. Reeder Sr. and Cora V. (Boren) Reeder. She married Clarence "Sam" Bry on Dec. 21, 1938. He preceded her in death on Oct. 26, 2005.

Surviving are two sons, Clarence Bry Jr. of Urbana, Ohio, and Wayne Charles Bry of Pleasant Lake; a daughter, Dorothy J. Stahl of Ashley; 10 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Reah Stebing of Auburn and Audrey Albright of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and three brothers, Charles P. Reeder Jr., Rollie W. Reeder and Robert E. Reeder.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Al Black officiating. Burial will take place in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.feller&clark.com.

Benjamin Harter

CHURUBUSCO — Benjamin I. Harter, 92, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Churubusco died Saturday, Nov. 12, 2011, at Kindred Transitional Care in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be at 11 a. m. Friday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Eel River Cemetery.

Visitation will be 4 to 8 p. m. Thursday and one hour prior to the service Friday.

Memorials are to the Churubusco Church of the Nazarene, 1000 W. Whitley St., Churubusco, IN 46723.

Earl Getts

KENDALLVILLE — Earl D. Getts, 75, of Kendallville died Monday, Nov. 14, 2011, in Kendallville Manor HealthCare Center. Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

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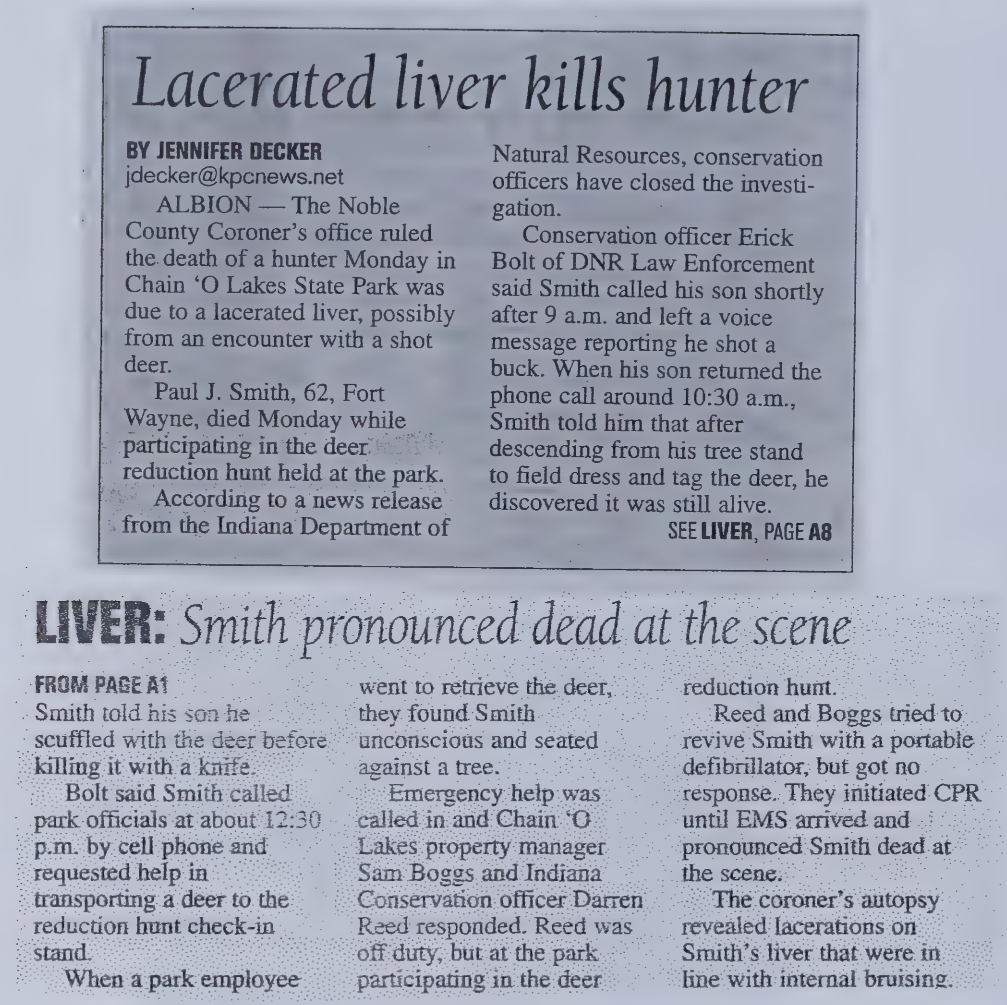

Lacerated liver kills hunter

BY JENNIFER DECKER
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ALBION — The Noble County Coroner's office ruled the death of a hunter Monday in Chain 'O Lakes State Park was due to a lacerated liver, possibly from an encounter with a shot deer.

Paul J. Smith, 62, Fort Wayne, died Monday while participating in the deer reduction hunt held at the park.

According to a news release from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, conservation officers have closed the investigation.

Conservation officer Erick Bolt of DNR Law Enforcement said Smith called his son shortly after 9 a.m. and left a voice message reporting he shot a buck. When his son returned the phone call around 10:30 a.m., Smith told him that after descending from his tree stand to field dress and tag the deer, he discovered it was still alive.

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LIVER: *Smith pronounced dead at the scene*

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Smith told his son he scuffled with the deer before killing it with a knife.

Bolt said Smith called park officials at about 12:30 p.m. by cell phone and requested help in transporting a deer to the reduction hunt check-in stand.

When a park employee went to retrieve the deer, they found Smith unconscious and seated against a tree.

Emergency help was called in and Chain 'O Lakes property manager Sam Boggs and Indiana Conservation officer Darren Reed responded. Reed was off duty, but at the park participating in the deer reduction hunt.

Reed and Boggs tried to revive Smith with a portable defibrillator, but got no response. They initiated CPR until EMS arrived and pronounced Smith dead at the scene.

The coroner's autopsy revealed lacerations on Smith's liver that were in line with internal bruising.

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Robert Kirk

LAGRANGE — Robert F. Kirk, 83, of Big Turkey Lake, LaGrange, Ind., died Sunday, November 13, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Mr. Kirk

In 1947, he moved from Kentucky to Indiana.

He retired in 1987 after 40 years from Union Carbide in East Chicago, Ind., where he was a tonnage plant operator.

Mr. Kirk was born on June 24, 1928, in Utica, Ky., to Robert W. and Ara Mae (Pinkston) Kirk.

On July 6, 1965, in Chicago, Illinois, he married his sweetheart, Lillian McKamey. Mrs. Kirk survives in LaGrange, Ind.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Mary Etta and Marvin Piper of LaGrange, Ind.; a son and daughter-in-law, Robert E. and Judy Kirk of Peoria, Ariz.; eight grandchildren and their spouses, Keith and Laurie Hall of Bremerton, Wash., Rodney and Cris Williams of Auburn, Ind., Misty Kirk of Phoenix, Ariz., Michael and Amy Gibson of 29 Palms, Calif., Robert R. and Varina Kirk of Glendale, Ariz., Jeremy and Carri Gibson of Bremerton, Wash., Patti Sears of Demotte, Ind., and Doreen Piper of Lake Station, Ind.; 23 great-grandchildren, Dylan and Megan Hall, Eric, Zachary, Rebecca and Shane Williams, Aspen Kuhns, Chris, Maryssa, and Kirk Gibson, Lillian and Robert J. Kirk, Samantha and Jake Klink, Alex, Peyton, and Dillon Gibson, Dustin, Derek, Dillon, Drew, and D'Anna Sears, and Timothy Woodard; a great-great-granddaughter, Aubrey Sears; and a sister, Beda Baird of Eddyville, Ky.

Preceding him in death were two daughters, Mary Hoover on September 13, 2003, and Patricia Ann Hunley on September 13, 2011; his parents, Robert W. and Ara Mae Kirk; a sister, Mable Williams; and four brothers, Chuck, Thomas, Edward, and Delbert Kirk.

Funeral services will be held on Sunday, November 20, 2011, at 4 p.m. at Fruríp-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, Ind., with the Rev. Brian VanOsdol officiating.

Visitation will be from 1 p.m. until the 4 p.m. service time at the funeral home.

Memorials may be given to Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.frurípmayfuneralhome.com.

Elsie Wappes

FORT WAYNE — Elsie L. Wappes, 82, of Fort Wayne and formerly of LaGrange died Saturday, Nov. 12, 2011.

Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Hockemeyer Funeral Home, 17629 S.R. 37, Harlan, Ind.

Visitation will be two hours prior to the service.

Memorials are to Pathway Lutheran Church.

Larry Ulrey

FORT WAYNE — Larry D. Ulrey, 75, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Nov. 14, 2011.

Mr. Ulrey

Mr. Ulrey worked as an electrician for GM for 15 years and Harvester for 20 years.

He also served his country in the Marine Corps and was a Master Mason at the Huntertown Lodge.

He was born Jan. 26, 1936, to Lloyd and Leoda Ulrey. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are his wife, Ruth (Scott) Ulrey; his sons, Bradley (Courtney) Ulrey, Blaine (Karen) Ulrey, Matthew Ulrey, and Joel Ulrey; a daughter, Stacy (Dave) Geimer; his brothers and sisters, Joe, Lamar, and Ronald Ulrey, Jeanette Leon, Lyle, Rocky, Renard, Dean, Eddie, and Jan Ulrey, Julie Miller, and Doreen Krugh; 10 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

He was also preceded in death by his brother, Bob Ulrey, and his sister, Barbara Varner.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells St., Fort Wayne.

Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home and one hour prior to the services Friday.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Send online condolences to www.sloanandsonsfuneralhome.com.

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Marvin Rickman

PLEASANT LAKE — Marvin Rickman, 83, of Pleasant Lake died Monday, November 14, 2011, at Cameron Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Rickman

Mr. Rickman was the owner and operator of Kitchen Quip in Waterloo, Indiana Decorative in Waterloo and G & R Lumber in Pleasant Lake before retiring.

He was a member of Pleasant Lake Baptist Church.

Mr. Rickman was a sergeant in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

He was born February 12, 1928, in Catlettsburg, Ky.

He married Margaret Sturmer and she survives in Pleasant Lake.

Also surviving are a son, Robert A. Rickman of Pleasant Lake; a daughter, Marlene Y. Goslee of Pleasant Lake; three grandchildren, Richard M. and Dawn Goslee of Pleasant Lake, Gretchen and John Weicht of Angola and Aaron and Jenny Goslee of Pleasant Lake; six great-grandchildren, Kayla Goslee, Alexis Goslee, Joey Weicht, Holly Weicht, Payton Goslee and Parker Goslee; three brothers, Bernie and Patricia Rickman of Hamilton, Frank Jr. and Marilyn Presley of Hamilton and Edford and Eula Coffey of Kentucky; and four sisters, Ruth and Linzy Presley of Hamilton, Lilly and Kip Vinson of Kentucky, Rachael and Ron Hackler of Kentucky and Cathy and Darrell Hawes of Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son-in-law, Richard G. Goslee; and a brother, David Presley.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with the Rev. George B. Foulk officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery at Pleasant Lake.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Pleasant Lake Baptist Church and the Gideon's Bibles.

Sign a guestbook at www.weichtfh.com.

Sue Pearson

GARRETT — Sue Ann Pearson, age 81, of Garrett, Ind., died at 11:55 a.m. Monday, November 14, 2011, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Mrs. Pearson

She was born June 7, 1930, in Youngstown, Ohio, to Harry I. and Alice C. (Ramey) Walton and they preceded her in death. She married George M. Pearson on April 25, 1953, in Garrett, Ind., and he died June 2, 1994.

Sue Ann was a secretary and teachers' aide at Venice High School in Venice, Fla., and with the Garrett-Keyser-Butler Schools, until retiring in 1992

She is a member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett and the Professional Business Women of Garrett.

Sue Ann is survived by two daughters, Patti Weller of Garrett, Ind., and Leigh Ann Heltsley, Kansas, Ill.; and a sister, Kay McComb of Huntertown also survives. She is also survived by five grandchildren, Brian Weller and Lindsay Weller of Garrett, Ind., Janelle (Aaron) Johnson of Kansas, Ill., Kelly (Justin) Hefner of Republic, Mo., and Adam (Nikki) Heltsley of Kansas, Ill.; and five great-grandchildren, Brady Heltsley and Brayson Heltsley of Republic, Mo., Kiera Johnson and Shelby Johnson of Kansas, Ill., and Addison Heltsley of Kansas, Ill.

Sue Ann was preceded in death by her parents, Harry I. and Alice C. Walton; her husband, George M. Pearson; and a brother, Bob Walton.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. today, Wednesday, November 16, 2011, at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett, Ind., and from 9-10 a.m. Thursday, November 17, 2011, at the First Church of Christ in Garrett, Ind.

Services will take place at 10 a.m. Thursday, November 17, 2011, at the First Church of Christ in Garrett, Ind., with Brother Bud Owen and Brother Larry Owen officiating.

Burial will follow in Christian Union Cemetery at Garrett, Ind.

Memorials are to the First Church of Christ at Garrett, Ind.

You may send a condolence or sign the on-line register book by visiting www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

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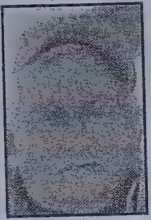
Raymond Newbauer

FREMONT — Raymond F. Newbauer, 85, of Fremont died Nov. 15, 2011, at Visiting and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.


Mr. Newbauer

Mr. Newbauer had worked at the Coldwater Foundry and retired from Simpson Manufacturing of Fremont. He also worked as a bartender at the Corner Pocket and at the Fremont American Legion Post.

He attended Fremont High School.

Mr. Newbauer was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He was a 64-year member of the Fremont American Legion Cassel Post 257.

He was born Nov. 16, 1925, in Fort Wayne to Frank and Loretta Newbauer. He married Beverly L. Mingus. She died June 6, 2011.

Surviving are four daughters, Nancy and Duane Wall of Fremont, Linda and Ron Book of Fremont, Cindy Hantz of Angola and Pam and Jeff German of Angola; two sons, Larry Newbauer and Gerry Newbauer of Montpelier, Ohio, and Max and Carol Newbauer of Fremont; 15 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; 10 great-great-grandchildren; and a brother, William Newbauer of Camden, Mich.

He was also preceded in death by his parents and five brothers, Barney, Herman, Edward, Jerome and Robert Newbauer.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with the Rev. Kenneth Walker officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery in Fremont with military graveside services by members of the Fremont American Legion Post.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home of Fort Wayne.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Otis Lash

ANGOLA — Otis L. Lash, 93, of Angola passed away at 8:15 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, 2011, at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

Mr. Lash

He was born on Jan. 21, 1918, in Conde, S.D., to James and Emma (Woodard) Lash. He was member of Salem Center Presbyterian Church, and Orland American Legion Post 423. He was a retired farmer and carpenter. He married Eleanor V. Wood on Aug. 14, 1943, in Angola. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a lifetime resident of LaGrange County and Steuben County.

Survivors are his wife Eleanor; four sons, LeRoy and Patsy Lash of Hudson, Richard and Anna Lash of Pleasant Lake, Norman and Cindy Lash of Angola, and Roger Lash of Angola; one daughter, Adele Lash of Indianapolis; five grandchildren, Micheal Lash, Tina Lash Wolcott, Chad Lash, Jennifer Lash, and Phil Lash; eight great-grandchildren; three step-great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; four sisters, Elaine Hartman of Hamilton, Carol Carpenter of Angola, Lorene DePew of Garrett, and LaVonne Foulk of Auburn; and two brothers, Earl and Gerald, both of Hamilton.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Rhoda Hedglin and Ione June Lash, and a brother, Ormond Lash.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson. Pastor Bill Hambright will officiate and burial will be at a later date at Circle Cemetery.

Calling will be on Tuesday from 4-7 p.m.

Memorials are to Salem Center Presbyterian Church. Condolences may be sent to www.dalejohnsonfh.com.

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Earl Getts

KENDALLVILLE — Earl D. Getts, 75, of Kendallville died Monday, Nov. 14, 2011, in Kendallville Manor HealthCare Center.

Mr. Getts

Mr. Getts was a lifetime area resident.

He was a 1954 graduate of Kendallville High School.

He retired from King Seeley in Kendallville where he had worked as a shipping and receiving clerk for many years.

Mr. Getts was a member of the Kendallville Moose Lodge 1301 and the Kendallville Eagles Lodge 985.

He attended Fellowship Bible Church in Kendallville.

He was born Sept. 27, 1936, in DeKalb County to Clinton and Mabel (Perkins) Getts. On Sept. 2, 1966, in Kendallville he married Kay Musser. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Norman and Kim Getts of Kendallville and James Getts of Kendallville; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, Wilbur and Carolyn Getts of Kendallville and Lloyd and Mary Getts of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Dorothy Sue Metzger; and two brothers, Harold Getts and Orville Getts.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Fellowship Bible Church, 306 N. Allen Chapel Road, Kendallville, with Pastor Tom Dyson officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Thursday in the church.

Memorials are to the family.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St. is in charge of arrangements

View a video tribute after Thursday or send condolences to www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

David Stewart

LAGRANGE — David H. Stewart, 71, of Mt. Dora, Fla., died Thursday, Nov. 10, 2011, in Mt. Dora due to injuries sustained in a pedestrian/truck accident.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Park Ridge Baptist Church, 3629 Crystal St., in Gotha.

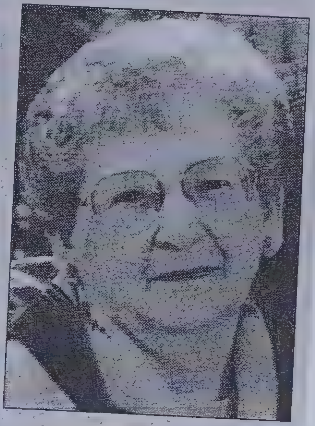
Private family burial of cremains will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to ARC Opportunities, 0235 W. C.R. 300 N, Howe, IN 46746.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is assisting the family with local arrangements.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
November 16, 2011, Wednesday

Martha A. Cobbs, 87



Martha A. Cobbs, 87, of Wolcottville died Tuesday, November 8, 2011, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Cobbs was a graduate of Kendallville High School and a lifetime resident of Wolcottville and LaGrange County.

She had worked at General Electric in Fort Wayne for five years. She then worked in the office of Dr. Pulskamp in Wolcottville. She also worked 28 years for LaGrange County, where she was a deputy assessor and served as the LaGrange County Assessor from 1975 to 1986. She worked in other LaGrange County offices, with her last position being in the Treasurer's office.

Martha was a member of the Wolcottville United Methodist Church, American Legion Post 381 Auxiliary in Rome City, and the LaGrange Chapter of the Eastern Star.

She was born January 10, 1924, in Noble County to David W. and Nancy (Reed) Fiandt. On October 10, 1948, she married Robert L. Cobbs. He preceded her in death on November 3, 2003.

Surviving are a daughter, the Reverend Nancy Jo Cobbs of Baytown, Texas; a son and daughter-in-law, David and Katarina Cobbs of North Webster; three grandchildren, Kim, Gretchen, and David; several great-grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, David and Zula Fiandt of Blackman Lake; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Herman Fiandt, in 1929.

Funeral services were Saturday, November 12, 2011, in the Wolcottville United Methodist Church with the Reverend Jack Thomas officiating.

Burial was in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Pallbearers were David James Fiandt, Dean Gillespie, Mitch Fiandt, Jim Neumann, Tom Hulen, and Duane Targgart.

Preferred memorials are to the Wolcottville United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneral home.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
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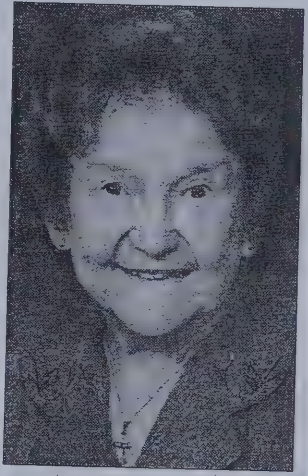
Colleen M. Davis, 80



Colleen Marie Davis, age 80, of Kendallville died on Thursday, November 10, 2011 at her daughter's residence in rural Kendallville.

Mrs. Davis was born in Kendallville on October 15, 1931 to the late John Alexander Whitson and Ruth Evelyn (Kreiger) Whitson.

She married George W. Davis on April 17, 1948 in Reno, Nevada. He preceded her in death May 18, 2006.

Colleen was the office manager, bookkeeper and store clerk with Cline Lumber Companies in Kendallville and Wolcottville. Along with her husband, who was the company manager, they operated the lumber yards for nearly 45 years.

She was a very active and dedicated member of the Wayne Center United Methodist Church north of Kendallville. She served as a lay leader in the church and was involved with the United Methodist Women. She was a Sunday school teacher of all ages for over 50 years. Colleen was also involved as a youth group leader and choir member.

As a young girl, Colleen grew up in a family of talented entertainers. Colleen's father and his brothers, known as the Whitson Brothers, were members of the Ringling Brothers Circus. The world of entertainment was an important family heritage.

Colleen loved her church and family. She especially enjoyed traveling to the T.C. Dance competions to watch her talented grandson, Nick dance.

Her true passion in life was writing and reciting poetry and short stories.

Colleen also was a past member of the LaGrange Business Professional Women and the Wolcottville Lion's Club with her husband, George.

Survivors include sons, Robert M. Davis of Kendallville,

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Edward and Shelia Davis of Kendallville; daughter, Patricia and LTC, Gary Smith of Kendallville; nine grandchildren, Robert Jr. and Maddie Davis, Christina Zimmerman, all of Kendallville, Nicole and Sgt. Daniel Bruno of Indianapolis, Sgt. Adam Davis of Ohio, Lindsay and Matt Drudge of Warsaw, Brittany Davis of Kendallville, Matthew Smith, Nicholas Smith, and Erik Smith, all of Kendallville; six great-grandchildren, Allison and Blaike Zimmerman, Maggie and Marshall Davis, Brianna Ferrell and Ethan Drudge.

She was preceded in death by her great-great grandson, John Cecil Kelley.

Funeral services were Monday, November 14, 2011 at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Officiating the funeral service was Pastor Sherrie Long.

Burial took place at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Preferred memorials may be made to Wayne Center United Methodist Church or to the Friendship Food Pantry.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Betsy N. Cox, 71

Betsy N. (Michael) Cox, age 71, was called home on November 9, 2011 at 8:00 AM by our Lord.

She was born on May 3, 1940 in Wolf Lake, Indiana and was the daughter of the late Ernest J. and Kathryn E. (Keister) Michael. A lifetime Noble County resident, she always lived within two miles of Wolf Lake. She graduated from Wolf Lake High School in 1958.

On August 10, 1958 she was united in marriage to Russell A. Cox at the Wolf Lake Baptist Church.

Mrs. Cox was a stay at home mom who enjoyed spending time with her family, sewing, knitting, crocheting and bowling.

Surviving are her husband of 53 years, Russell; daughters, Kathryn and Kelly Cox; son, Michael Cox, all of Wolf Lake; sisters, Edith Rehling of Syracuse, Mary (Dale) Smith of Goshen, and Dorie Hutsell of Syracuse; brothers, Donald Michael of Laud, and Larry (Mary) Cox of Zeeland, MI.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Laurel and Twyla Cox; brothers, Paul Michael, Ernest Michael Jr.; brothers-in-law, William Cox, Richard Rehling, and Alan Hutsell.

Funeral services were held on Monday, November 14, 2011 at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Rev. Dan Carlson officiated.

Burial followed the funeral at Wolf Lake Cemetery in Wolf Lake.

To send online condolences go to brazzellfuneralhome.com.

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Orval J. Myers, 82

Orval Jack Myers, age 82, of Avilla, died on Sunday, November 13, 2011 at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Myers was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on June 13, 1929 to the late Jess and Omma (Kizer) Myers.

He attended Central High School in Fort Wayne and entered the U.S. Army to serve his country during the Korean War.

Pfc. Myers belonged to the 364th Engineering Amphibians of the Fifth Army.

He married Betty Jane Longardner on July 9, 1952.

Orval was a millwright and employed with Tokheim in Fort Wayne for 40 years before retiring in June of 1989.

He was a faithful member of the Union Chapel Church of The Brethren in Christ in Fort Wayne and the Garrett American Legion.

Orval was a dedicated husband, father and grandfather and a talented wood craftsman.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Betty Jane Myers of Avilla; sons, Rick and Becky Myers of Avilla, Dick and Marsha Myers of LaOtto, Orval "Butch" Jack, II and Bambi Myers of Kendallville, James and Karen Myers of Kendallville, Jeff Myers of Avilla; nine grandchildren: Jill Myers of Venice, CA, Ricky Myers of Milwaukee, WI, Marisa Bernstein of Chicago, IL, Richard Myers, II of LaOtto, Jason Myers of Fort Wayne, April Myers of Kendallville, Stephanie Dwyer of LaOtto, Jamie Halmagyi of Kendallville, and Andrea Beachey of Kendallville; 17 great-grandchildren; sisters, Elenora Hinrich, and Marylou Doan, both of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his grandson, Ian Andrew Myers, who died March 10, 2011; five brothers, Roy, Calvin, Dorwin, Robert, and James Myers; and two sisters, Bertha "Tine" Kinsey and Violet "Sis" Burns.

Visitation will be Wednesday, November 16, 2011 from 3:00-7:00 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Thursday, November 17, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at Union Chapel Church, Coldwater and Union Chapel Road in Fort Wayne. There will be an hour of visitation at the church before the funeral service.

Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Gary Reiber and Pastor Wayne Goldsmith.

Burialwill be at Swan Cemetery near LaOtto.

Preferred memorials may be made to Union Chapel Church or Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Casketbearers will be Richard, Ricky, and Jason Myers, Christopher Halmagyi, Todd Beachey, and Aaron Dwyer.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Orval by Wednesday at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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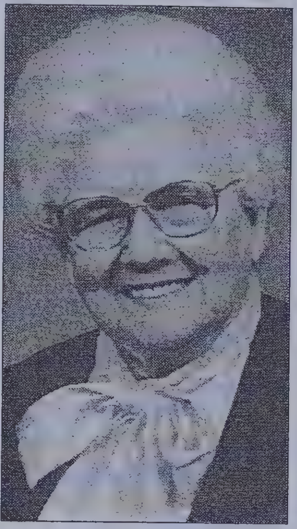
Bertha LaFever-Fetter, 101



Bertha Belle LaFever-Fetter, age 101, died on Wednesday, November 9, 2011 at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. LaFever-Fetter was born in Garrett, Indiana on October 31, 1910 to the late Daniel and Goldie (Freeman) Pepple.

She first married Oscar LaFever on January 11, 1930 and he preceded her in death on August 7, 1965.

She later married her second husband, Oland Fetter on June 5, 1969 in Butler, Indiana, and he died July 2, 1981.

Bertha was a homemaker and also employed with Electric Motors in Garrett for 16 years.

She was a member of the LaOtto Wesleyan Church where she taught Sunday school for 40 years.

She loved reading her Bible and playing the piano and the organ.

Bertha enjoyed quilting, crocheting, and sewing.

She served on the board of directors for the Butler City Library and was a past secretary for the Dekalb County Home Demonstration Club.

Survivors include son-in-law, Devon Ihrie of Kendallville; step-son, Hillis Fetter of Casselberry, FL; five grandchildren, Dan and Corene Ihrie of Indianapolis, Mike and Shirley Ihrie of Kendallville, Steve and Sue Ihrie of Fort Wayne, Thomas Ihrie of Pennsylvania and Rose and Weldon Cline of Kendallville; nine great-grandchildren and five great great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Joyce Marie Ihrie, who died on September 12, 1984; three sisters, Hazel Rhodes, Bessie Huff and Mabel Barbdull; and two brothers, Robert and Huber Pepple.

Funeral services were Saturday at Hite Funeral Home.

Burial was at Eel River Cemetery near Churubusco.

Preferred memorials may be made to Provena Sacred Heart Home.

Casket bearers will be Chad Ihrie, Troy Ihrie, Allison Ihrie, Tyler Ihrie, Weldon Cline and Tiffany Cline.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Ruby Gruver

EDGERTON, Ohio — Ruby B. Gruver, 94, of Edgerton died Monday, Nov. 14, 2011, in her home after a brief illness.

Mrs. Gruver

Mrs. Gruver and her husband operated Gruver's IGA for 17 years. She then worked for Day's Furniture and then for the Edgerton V&S Hardware.

She was a member of the Edgerton United Methodist Church, where she was a longtime Sunday school teacher and a member of the Pearl Circle.

In 1994, she and her husband, Don, were named citizens of the year in Edgerton.

She was born on April 11, 1917, near Hicksville, Ohio, to Frank and Ethel (Green) Obendorf. She married Donald L. Gruver Sr., on Feb. 26, 1939, in Newville, Ind., and he preceded her in death on Oct. 5, 2006.

Surviving are a son, Donald (Spring Benjamin) Gruver Jr. of Bryan; 12 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Allen "Pat" (Marilyn) Obendorf of Montpelier and Richard (Wink) Obendorf, of Butler, Ind.; and a sister, Helen Whitman, of Auburn, Ind.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Marilyn Madoux, and a son, William Gruver.

Visitation will from 4-8 p.m. Friday in the Krill Funeral Home in Edgerton.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in the Edgerton United Methodist Church with the Rev. R.L. Barnett, officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery in Edgerton.

Memorials are to the Edgerton United Methodist Church or Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers Hospital Hospice.

To sign the online register or to send condolences, visit www.krillfuneralservice.com.

Helen Macino

AVILLA — Helen G. Macino, 90, died Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2011, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10 a.m. today at Provena Sacred Heart Home Chapel in Avilla. Burial will be in Mount Carmel Cemetery in Hillsdale, Ill.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the Mass at Provena Sacred Heart Home Chapel.

Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla is in charge of arrangements.

Go to brazzellfuneralhome.com to send online condolences.

Lorraine Hines

AUBURN — Lorraine Hines, 84, of Auburn died Thursday, Nov. 10, 2011, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Auburn Presbyterian Church, corner of Jackson and 12th streets, Auburn, with the Rev. Lyle Ewing officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at a later date.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Friday at Feller Clark Funeral home, 1860 S. Center St. Auburn, and one hour prior the service at the church.

Memorials may be directed to the Alzheimer's Association, the Susan G. Komen For the Cure, P.O. Box 650309, Dallas, Texas 75265-0309 or the Auburn Presbyterian Church.

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John Frain

AUBURN — John S. Frain, 87, died Thursday morning at his home in Auburn surrounded by his family.

Mr. Frain

John was born June 29, 1924, in Garrett. His father, Andrew Frain, and his mother, Jennie (Wiseman) Crampton, have both passed away.

He was a signalman in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He served in the Philippines, China, Japan and New Guinea. John worked at Dana Corporation for 22 years, retiring on July 1, 1986.

He coached Little League and Pony League Baseball. He also coached Women's Softball for 15 years in Waterloo. He loved IU basketball and football, was a Tiger fan and he attended DeKalb High School sports activities until his health wouldn't allow him anymore. He was an avid fisherman and enjoyed camping, mushroom hunting, dancing and playing cards.

He was a Gold lifetime member of the Auburn Moose Lodge #566 and the American Legion Post 97 of Auburn.

John married Freida Hufnagle on August 1, 1947, in Garrett, Ind., and she survives.

He is also survived by two daughters and a son, Trudy Kay (Jerry) Webb of Butler, Dennis Dean (Pat) Frain of Churubusco and Donna Jean Frain of Fort Wayne; two half sisters, Bonnie Bilski of Rockford, Michigan, and Sharon Cunningham of Chesterton; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a grandson, Darrin Webb; a sister, Josephine Creager; and four brothers, Wilber, Harvey, Elroy and Chalmer Frain.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, November 21, 2011, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, Ind. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to the Darrin Webb Scholarship fund or the DeKalb High School Athletic Assoc.

To send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Lucinda Hunt

KIMMELL — Lucinda "Cindy" Marie Hunt, 56, of Kimmell passed away on November 16, 2011, at 5:03 p.m. at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier.

She was born on May 2, 1955, to Carlisle and Martha (Leslie) Miller in Wolf Lake, Ind. On April 12, 1975, she married Lester Ray Hunt. He survives.

She had worked at Courtyard Healthcare in Goshen since 2008, and previously worked at Avalon Village from 1990-2008. She loved to read, garden, embroider and care for her four little dogs.

She is survived by her husband, Lester Ray Hunt of Kimmell; three children, Shelly Hunt and her fiance Jeff Long of Ligonier, Shawn (Michelle) Hunt of Milford and Shanna (John) Griffith of Cromwell; six grandchildren; and two siblings.

A memorial service will be held in Cindy's honor on Saturday, November 19, 2011, at 2 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home with Pastor Mel Heininger officiating.

Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. prior to the memorial service.

A private cremation committal will take place at Legacy Cremation & Remembrance Center in Ligonier.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the family.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

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Brenda Scott

LAGRANGE — Brenda L. Scott, 50, of LaGrange died Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2011, at her home.

Mrs. Scott

Mrs. Scott was a lifetime LaGrange County resident. She was a homemaker and had worked at Morgan Olson in Sturgis, Mich.

She was born Nov. 6, 1961, in LaGrange to Donald E. and Velma Mae (Hileman) Baird. They preceded her in death. She married Randall G. "Lumpy" Scott on Dec. 26, 1990, in LaGrange. He survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are a son, Shane Gene Scott of LaGrange; her stepmother, Helen Baird of Kendallville; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Teresa and Jeff Sampson of Sturgis and Sarah Jane and Don Ritchie of Hamilton; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Mike and Marilyn Baird of Wolcottville and Bobby and Tammy Baird of Howe; seven stepsisters and brothers-in-law, Jan and Garey Bollinger of LaGrange, Nancy and Ken Helsel and Linda and Rich Krieder, all of Wolcottville, Kelly and Bill Ward, Mariel and David Burch, and B.J. and John Brown, all of Bryan, Ohio, and Sandra and Bert Babcock of Stryker, Ohio; and a stepbrother, Bret Hart of LaGrange,.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Ontario Congregational Church, in Ontario, Ind., with the Rev. Dale Hicks officiating.

Visitation will be from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Burial will be at a later date in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Memorials are to the family.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements arrangements.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Arlene LaFever

FORT WAYNE — Arlene M. LaFever, 80 of Fort Wayne died Thursday, Nov. 17, 2011, at Parkview Hospital.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Payton Manning Children's Hospital, Indianapolis, IN.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
November 19, 2011, Saturday

Charles Elser

Mr. Elser

ALBION — Charles William Elser, age 82, died on Thursday, November 17, 2011 at 11:53 a.m. at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born on November 19, 1928, in York Township, Noble County, Indiana, and was the son of Charles M. and Cleone (Reidenbach) Elser.

A lifetime Noble County resident, he graduated from Albion-Jefferson High School in the class of 1946.

He married Marjorie Parker on November 13, 1954, at Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion.

Mr. Elser was a self-employed carpenter, and was the instructor for the building trades department for Central Noble High School.

He served his country as a sergeant in the United States Air Force from 1946 to 1949.

He was very active in the Albion community, serving on the town of Albion Planning Commission and Zoning Boards, and on the Albion Township Advisory Board for 32 years. He was a 50-year member of the Albion Masonic Lodge F & AM #97, the Scottish Rite in Fort Wayne, the Albion American Legion Post #246 and a member of Asbury United Methodist Church.

He enjoyed Purdue basketball, fishing, carpentry and most of all spending time with his grandkids and his family.

Survivng are his wife of 57 years, Marjorie Elser of Albion; his children, Stan (Tammy) Elser of Indianapolis, Leisa (Luther) Patrick of Fort Wayne, Brian (Susan) Elser of Indianapolis and Laura (Matt) Keister of Avilla; two brothers, Richard "Brent" (Roberta) Elser of Albion and James (Ann) Elser of Ligonier; two sisters, Elizabeth Shellman of Albion, Helen (Robert) Coil of Wolf Lake, and two sisters-in-law, Peggy Elser of Albion and Pat Frymier of Auburn.

He was Grandpa to nine grandchildren, Simon Elser, Sarah Elser, Macey Elser, David Elser, Benjamin Elser, Abbey Keister, Logan Keister, Claire Keister and Gabe Keister.

He is preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Raymond and Harold Elser; a brother-in-law, Robert Shellman; a half-brother, Burnell Elser; and a half-sister, Voneta Bair.

Funeral services for Mr. Elser will be Monday, November 21, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion. The Rev. Bret Frymier will officiate. Burial will be at Sweet Cemetery in Albion. Albion American Legion Post #240 will conduct military graveside rites.

Visitation will be from 2-7 p.m. Sunday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Members of the Albion Masonic Lodge #97 will conduct a Masonic service at 7 p.m. on Sunday evening.

There will be an additional hour of calling before the funeral Monday at the church.

Memorials may be made to Asbury United Methodist Church.

Go to brazzellfuneralhome.com to send online condolences.

Dewey Beachy

GOSHEN — Dewey J. Beachy, 60, of Goshen died Friday, Nov. 18, 2011, at his residence.

Memorial services at 6:30 p.m. Monday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury. Military honors will be presented by Middlebury American Legion Post 210.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service.

Memorials are to Elkhart Hospice and Palliative Care.

Harvey Farmwald

SHIPSHEWANA — Harvey S. Farmwald, 80, of Shipshewana died Friday, Nov. 18, 2011, at his residence.

Visitation will be all day today at the family home, 9635 W. S. R. 120.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Sunday also at the family home. Burial will be in Naylor Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

Robert Spangler II

WAIKOLOA, Hawaii — Robert Kent Spangler II, 91, of Wilkaloa died Oct. 12, 2011, in Waikoloa.

Memorial services were held Nov. 4 at Waikoloa Community Church.

A military ceremony will be held at a later date at Hawaii Veterans Memorial Cemetery near Kailua-Kona.

Memorials are to North Hawaii Hospice, 65-1328 Kawaihae Road, Kameula, HI 96743.

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Virginia Sprott

HARRISON, Ark. — Virginia Kathryn Sprott, age 97, of Harrison, Arkansas, died November 16, 2011, at her home on 2123 Ann Avenue. Born on December 7, 1913, outside Waterloo, Indiana, she was the daughter of Ethel Myers and Jay William Dilgard. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Huntsville, Arkansas, where she sang and played the organ for many, many years.

Mrs. Sprott

Mrs. Sprott was the widow of Joseph Ezra Sprott, who died April 29, 2010. They had been married for seventy-seven years. A homemaker all of her life, she also worked as a real estate agent with her husband in Huntsville, as a public school teacher and bus driver while living in California, and as a secretary while a young mother in Indiana.

A former resident of Kern County, California, she and her family moved to a ranch north of Huntsville in 1959. She remained a resident of Madison County, finally settling on a small farm on Kings River just outside Marble, Arkansas, until moving to Harrison in December, 2008. During the last three years of her life in her Harrison home, she was under the extraordinary, loving care of Dr. Ronald R. Reese and his nurse, Jennifer Whitney, and her caregivers, Donna Phillips and Margaret Puett.

She was a member of the Bois d'Arc Chapter (Berryville) of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Extension Homemakers Club of Marble, and Eastern Star.

Mrs. Sprott is survived by her five children: Lt. Col. David N. Sprott (USMC Ret.) of Mobile, Alabama; Dr. J. Michael Sprott and his wife, Linda S. Sprott, of Omaha, Arkansas; Roberta K. Nelson and her husband, Ronald E. Nelson, of Helena, Montana; Samuel W. Sprott and his wife, Sandra K. Sprott, of Hermitage, Missouri; and James D. Sprott and his wife, Janis A. Sprott, of Harrison, Arkansas. She is also survived by her grandchildren: Jeffrey Sprott, Megan Davis, Jay Sprott, Karen Boardman, Judy Werner, Eric Nelson, Neil Nelson, Rebekah Vieira, Tony Sprott, Sarah Heringer and Emily McIllwain; twelve great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

She will be remembered for her boundless faith and the joy it brought to her life, her deep happiness expressed in smiles and laughter, and her love of family, especially children.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. today, Saturday, November 19, 2011, at the First Presbyterian Church in Huntsville, Arkansas, with interment to immediately follow at the Alabam Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Jeffrey Sprott, Jay Sprott, Todd Werner, Eric Nelson, Ryan Heringer and Jonathan McIllwain.

The family requests in lieu of flowers that memorials be made to the Building Fund of the First Presbyterian Church, P. O. Box 603, Huntsville, Arkansas 72740 or to the North Arkansas Regional Medical Center Foundation, Inc., 620 North Main, Harrison, Arkansas 72601.

Brashears Funeral Home in Huntsville is in charge of arrangements.

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Orville Huff

WAWAKA — Orville Huff, 80, of Wawaka died Friday, Nov. 18, 2011, at 12:45 p.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. in the funeral home and one hour prior to services on Monday.

A full obituary will appear in Sunday's edition.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Eileen Bortner

AUBURN — Eileen M. Bortner, 73, died Friday, November 18, 2011, at her home in Auburn.

Mrs. Bortner

Mrs. Bortner worked for Blackwell's Department Store and Lincoln National/Wells Fargo Bank in New Haven, Cumberland Bank and Fort Campbell Credit Union in Bowling Green, Ky.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Auburn. She was also a member of the Lullaby Club, Tuesday at Ten Knitting Club, Just For Fun Group, Red Hats, OWLS, and Beta Sigma Phi International.

She loved shopping, bowling, square dancing, and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

She was born March 14, 1938, in New Bremen, Ohio, to Adrian and Helen (Brewer) Greber.

She married Jack W. Bortner of June 24, 1989, in Churubusco, and he survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are two daughters, Nanette (Lilie) Isenbarger and her husband Robert of New Haven, and Susan (Lilie) Gallmeyer and her husband Byron of Hoagland; a stepdaughter and her husband, Lesa and Randal Wilke of Clinton, Ohio; a stepson and his wife, Mitchel and Laura Bortner of Holland, Michigan; six grandchildren, Mark Isenbarger, Brian Isenbarger, Matthew Gallmeyer, Kristen Gallmeyer, Rachel Gallmeyer, and Audrey Bortner; and a sister, Jane Egbert of Anna, Ohio.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, November 21, 2011, at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Ted Jansen officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Visitation will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home and also one hour prior to the service Monday from 10 to 11 a.m.

Memorials may be directed to the First United Methodist Church or Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Ruby Hausbach

ANGOLA — Ruby Hausbach, 82, of Angola and formerly of Butler died Friday, November 18, 2011, at Northern Lakes Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Hausbach

She had previously lived in Wayne County, West Virginia, and moved to Indiana in 1962. She lived at Butler, Indiana, before moving to Lake James at Angola, Ind.

Mrs. Hausbach retired as a shipping clerk from Commercial Shearing in Butler.

She was former member of the Butler Eagles Lodge.

Mrs. Hausbach enjoyed camping, gardening and her pet dog "Snuggles."

She was born January 15, 1929, in Wayne County, West Virginia, to Benjamin and Lutie (Copley) Harvey. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter, Bettye and John Crawford of Fremont; two grandchildren, Randy and Kelli Houser of Fremont and Stephanie Houser of Angola; two great-grandchildren, Jonathan Watkins of Fort Wayne and Jericho VanAllen of Angola; and a special niece, Catherine Watts of Wayne, West Virginia.

She was preceded in death by her parents; six sisters; and six brothers.

Visitation will be from noon until 2 p.m. Monday, November 21, 2011, at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, November, 21, 2011, at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery in Fremont.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

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Mahnesmith a runner, attorney 'who enjoyed life to the fullest'

BY JENNIFER DECKER
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ANGOLA — Kent Mahnesmith was known as a dedicated runner, gifted attorney, devoted husband, father and friend, who enjoyed his short life to the fullest.

Mahnesmith, of Rensselaer, died Oct. 30 in a four-wheeler accident. He was 44.

He was born Nov. 10, 1966 in Garrett, to Ed and Ann (Anthony) Mahnesmith.

Kent graduated from Angola High School in 1985. As a Hornet, Kent earned 10 varsity letters.

"He lived life to the fullest," Ed said. "Last year was my 39th year coaching track. I coached Kent. It was a thrill that most fathers never have. He wasn't all-America or a superstar. He won the sectional and regionals as a senior in track."

Instead, Kent was a determined runner, his father said. Kent still holds the school records in the 1,600-meter and 3,200-meter competitions at Angola.

Kent continued running after his prep days and ran marathons in Boston, New York and London. He trained with younger teens and ran with them. Kent also encouraged his nephew, Nicholas Lagemann, a runner at Prairie Heights High School.

"One of Kent's buddy's mothers ran the London Marathon with him for cancer," Ann said. "Kent enjoyed life. Ed was always telling him to go running, and Ed would follow in the car."

He graduated from the University of Indianapolis in 1989 and received his law degree from Valparaiso University School of Law in 1993. Ann said it was the perfect career choice for their son.

"I always told him when he was younger he liked to argue and should be a lawyer," Ann said.

On June 23, 1990, in Angola, Kent married Christine Marie Graft, his high school sweetheart, who survives.

"We dated since we were freshmen. On our first date, Nov. 20, we went to the Christmas formal dance," Chris said.

After a nine-year courtship through high school and the same college, the pair married.

"I've known him 30 years. He had a huge zest for life. He was highly regarded as an attorney. He had tons of friends and always gave 100 percent," Chris said. "He didn't live a long life, but he lived a full life."

Mr. Mahnesmith

Kent and Chris moved to Rensselaer in 1993 after he accepted a position to practice law with the former Dumas & Moriarity law firm. Kent became a successful attorney specializing in Medicaid law and became partner of Dumas, Weist, Mahnesmith & Wright in 2000.

In 2001, Kent and Chris were blessed with the birth of their daughter, Sarah Marie, who he was most proud of. His parents said Kent was a "great" dad and Sarah was one of the many joys of his life.

"They took a lot of trips, and Sarah went with them," Ann said. "Kent took her out to breakfast every Saturday morning."

"Sarah is doing well. I'm very blessed," Chris said. "Kent took her to the American Girl doll store in Chicago. He'd probably hang on the moon for her. He was very devoted to his daughter before anything else, and he was so very proud of her. His whole life changed when she was born."

Kent was a devoted Notre Dame fan, so much so, that Chris had a special Fighting Irish casket made for him. A Notre Dame hat was placed in the casket. His parents recalled how earlier this fall, Kent and several of his friends camped out in his parents' front yard and had a bonfire. They all watched a Notre Dame football game on a portable TV.

> *"He didn't live a long life, but he lived a full life."*
>
> **Christine Mahnesmith**
> Wife of late Kent Mahnesmith

He also loved hunting, fishing, snow skiing, motorcycles and four-wheeling.

"He loved to hunt," Ed said. "Every year, the prosecutor, Kent, a judge and a lawyer went pheasant hunting in Iowa. I told him if they got in trouble they should be able to get out."

He was a member of the Elder Law Society of Indiana, Indiana State Bar Association, the Knights of Columbus, Bishop Dwenger Council and he served as attorney for numerous organizations throughout Jasper County.

"He enjoyed life to the fullest," Ed said. "He probably enjoyed life in 44 years more than someone who's 80 years old."

Kent is survived by his parents, his wife, Chris, and daughter, Sarah Marie, three sisters, Monica (Lance) Lagemann of LaGrange, Mandy Mahnesmith of Angola, and Missy (Larry) Williams of Bloomington, his parents, Edward and Ann Mahnesmith of Angola, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Burial was in Memory Gardens of Rensselaer.

Memorials may be made to St. Augustine Catholic School and mailed to: 328 N. McKinley Ave., Rensselaer, IN 47978.

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Cromwell leader Greta Wallace dies

CROMWELL — The Cromwell community is mourning the loss of Greta Wallace, 77, who died Friday at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Wallace

Mrs. Wallace served on the Cromwell Town Council for many years and was elected to serve as president of the council by her fellow council members for some of those terms.

She was the daughter of Donald and Bernice Robbins of Cromwell. She worked for the Cromwell Advance newspaper and then for KPC Media Group.

The Cromwell Advance was founded in 1912 by Greta's grandfather, Forrest Robbins. Her father, Donald Robbins, was editor and publisher of the Cromwell Advance for 40 years until a year before his death in 1974. Greta and her husband, James Wallace, took over ownership of the Cromwell Advance in 1973 and sold it to KPC Media Group in 1975.

She was active in the Cromwell Business Association for more than 30 years.

Her funeral will be Monday at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Mrs. Wallace's obituary appears on page A4.

Greta Wallace

CROMWELL — Greta M. Wallace, 77, of Cromwell, passed away on Friday Nov. 18, 2011, at 4:07 p.m. at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born on Dec. 31, 1933, to Donald and Mary B. (Elder) Robbins in Warsaw. On Jan. 22, 1955, she married Jim P. Wallace in Elkhart.

Mrs. Wallace

Greta grew up working in the newspaper and printing business. She later owned and operated the Cromwell Advance with her husband until their merger with the Ligonier Leader in the 1970s. She then continued to work as the office manager of the Advance Leader for many years. She never retired and presently operated Cromwell Advance Printing with her husband, supplying job work for the community.

She served on the Cromwell Town Board for many years and also served as president. She currently was a member of the Ligonier Evangelical Church. Throughout her life she was very active in the community serving in various community activities. Greta was always willing to volunteer anywhere needed. Above all, she was a dedicated and loving wife, mother and grandmother. She was also know as a wonderful cook.

She is survived by her husband of 56 years, James P. Wallace of Cromwell; a son, Rock D. Wallace of Avilla; two daughters, Ren (Kerry) Sprunger of Topeka and Ranell (Dave) Enders of Princeton, Iowa; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Robin Wallace Patterson in 1979, and her parents.

A funeral service will be held in Greta's honor on Monday Nov. 21, 2011 at 5 p.m. at Ligonier Evangelical Church with Pastor Troy Diersing officiating. Friends may call Monday from 3-5 p.m. prior to the service. A private cremation committal will take place at Legacy Cremation & Remembrance Center.

Memorial contributions are to Shriner's Hospital, Office of Development, 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607.

Yeager Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

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Orville Huff

WAWAKA — Orville Huff, 80, of Wawaka, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Friday, Nov. 18, 2011, at 12:45 p.m in Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

He had lived in the area since 1958, coming from Michigan. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, serving from 1952 to 1954.

Mr. Huff

He retired from No-Sag Spring Company in Kendallville after 38 years.

He was a faithful member of the Cosperville Baptist Church and the Senior Moments group at the church.

Orville enjoyed hunting and fishing. He especially loved spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He lived by the Golden Rule and always taught his children right from wrong.

He was born June 18, 1931, in Thornton, Ky., to Floyd and Cora (Amburgey) Huff. On Dec. 2, 1954, in Detroit, Michigan, he married Anna Joyce Adams.

Surviving are his wife of 56 years, Anna Joyce Huff of Wawaka; three sons and daughters-in-law, Ray and Lynn Huff of Kendallville, Jerry and Ronda Huff of Kimmell and Jeff and Ronda Huff of Albion; six grandchildren, Jeremiah Huff of Kimmell, Ryan Huff of Fort Wayne, Jana Hernandez of Kendallville, Jessica Huff of Kendallville, Justin Huff of Kendallville and Melissa Huff of Kendallville; five step-grandchildren, Nichole Anderson-Brugh and Cory Brugh of Osceola, Rachael and Quinn Fletcher of Bristol, Jeremy Anderson of Kendallville, Shane Smith of Albion, and Megan Smith of Albion; 12 great-grandchildren, Tyler, Cody, Colin, and Caleb Huff of Kimmell, Dylan and Austin Huff of Highland, Mariah, Jenna, and Sofia Hernandez of Kendallville, Lorellei and Eliza Fletcher of Bristol, and Riley Anderson-Brugh of Osceola; and a brother and sister-in-law, Okera and Bernice Huff of Manistee, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Cornelius Huff and Delmas Huff.

Funeral services will be Monday, Nov. 21, 2011, at 11 a.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, State Road 9 North, Wolcottville with Pastor Jim Barnes of the Cosperville Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery.

Casketbearers will be Jay Huff, Ryan Huff, Justin Huff, Jeremy Anderson, Tyler Huff and Jessica Huff.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home and one hour prior to services on Monday.

Preferred memorials are to the new structure fund at the Cosperville Baptist Church, 8851 N 250 W, Wawaka, IN, 46794.

View a video tribute after Sunday or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Patricia Flickinger

FAIRFAX, Va. — Patricia Ann Flickinger, 80, of Fairfax, Va., died Saturday morning, Nov. 19, 2011, at the Mount Vernon Health and Rehabilitation Center in Alexandria, Va.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville. Burial will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

A full obituary will appear in Monday's edition.

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Lucille Herzog

FORT WAYNE — Lucille Rebecca Herzog, age 93, died on Friday, Nov. 18, 2011, at St. Anne's Nursing Home in Fort Wayne.

She was born on Aug. 16, 1918, in Bluffton and was the daughter of William A. and Belva Cleo Mae (Wysong) Yates Sr.

She lived on Big Long Lake near Wolcottville for 41 years and she moved to Fort Wayne seven years ago. She graduated from Bluffton High School and Fort Wayne Beauty College.

In October of 1966 she married Frank Joseph Herzog. He preceded her in death on Nov. 9, 2010. Mrs. Herzog was a beautician and a homemaker for her life's work, and was a member of St. Mary's of the Angels Catholic Church in Big Long Lake.

She was also a Secular Franciscan-Eucharistic minister, lecturer and President of Sr. Center of South Milford Rosary Society and an 18-year member of the American Legion Post in Orland.

Surviving are stepsons, James Milan (Patricia) Herzog of Lancaster, Ohio, Frank Robert (Margaret) Herzog of Huntington; a daughter-in-law, Mookda Miller, of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren, including Amanda Miller and Johnathon Miller; 12 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a son, William Daniel Miller on Dec. 24, 2005, brothers, William A. Yates Jr., and Charles H. Yates, and a sister, Louise B. Lane.

Mass of Christian Burial will be on Monday, Nov. 21, 2011, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Anne's Nursing Home in Fort Wayne. Visitation will be one hour prior to the Mass. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Condolences may be left at brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Brian Likens

AUBURN — Brian Scott Likens, 53, of Auburn, died Saturday morning, Nov. 19, 2011. Calling will be Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. There will be no services. To send condolences visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Ruth Little

BUTLER — Ruth J. Little, 70, died Saturday Nov. 19, 2011, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn. Arrangements are pending at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn.

Robert Daler

DELTON, Mich. — Robert L. Daler, 73, of Delton, Mich., and formerly of Angola, died Saturday, Nov. 19, 2011 at Borgess Medical Center in Kalamazoo, Mich.

There will be no calling or services. Burial will be at a later date.

Harriet Sommers

AUBURN — Harriet Sommers, 98, formerly of Auburn, died Saturday Nov. 19, 2011, at Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

She was born Sept. 7, 1913, in Milan Center in Allen County to Charles E. and Mae W. (Tilbury) Stauffer.

She worked for Mutual Security Life Company for 20 years, retiring in 1987.

She was a member of the Indian Village Church of God in Auburn.

She married Herman J. Sommers on Feb. 7, 1931, in Harlan and he died Oct. 30, 1960.

Surviving are a son, Michael H. Sommers and his wife, Jeanette, of Auburn; two daughters, Sally Feathers of Fort Worth, Texas and Carol M. Grogg of Auburn; five grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and four great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, four brothers, George Stauffer, Gail Stauffer, Richard Stauffer and Charles Stauffer, and three sisters, Jean Kohlhepp, Marion Akins and Helen McCoy.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday Nov. 22, 2011, at Indian Village Church of God, Auburn. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling will be Monday from 4-8 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and from 1-2 p.m. Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to Indian Village Church of God or the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be left at www.fellerandclark.com.

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Patricia Flickinger

FAIRFAX STATION, Va. — Patricia Ann (Karlen) Flickinger, 80, of Fairfax Station, Va., died on Saturday, Nov. 19, 2011, at Mt. Vernon Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Alexandria, Va.

Mrs. Flickinger

Mrs. Flickinger was born in Sharpsville, Ind., the youngest of five daughters, on Oct. 15, 1931, to the late Ernest and Ella Amelia (Ziehr) Karlen. An older sister, Ardis Jean, died of scarlet fever when Pat was 2 years old.

When she was 4 years old, the family moved to Kendallville, Ind. She went through the eighth grade at St. John Lutheran School, and ninth and tenth grades at Kendallville High School, where she sang in the choir.

The family moved to Decatur in 1947, where she graduated from Decatur High School and went on to study nursing at Lutheran Hospital Nursing School in Fort Wayne. While in Decatur, she was active in her church youth group.

On Nov. 22, 1951, she married Arthur Flickinger at the St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville. They moved to West Lafayette where Pat was employed as a secretary in the engineering department at Purdue University.

As their children were born, Pat was a mother and homemaker, dedicated to raising their children. She canned, sewed clothing for her family, served nutritious meals, was a Girl Scout leader, and was her boys' biggest Little League fan. She was a member of a Home Ec club and enjoyed knitting. She knitted afghans for each of her 10 grandchildren upon their high school graduation.

They moved many times all across the country and the family became involved in church activities very soon after each move. Together, Pat and Art served as Presbyterian elders, deacons, and youth leaders and are members of the Kirkwood Presbyterian Church in Springfield, Va. Pat sang in the church choir and was active in the women's circle. She was honored to have received the Lifetime Member of Presbyterian Women award.

When they moved to Virginia, Pat served in the Fairfax County School System as a secretary to the principal for the Area IV Special Education staff and at Key Middle School. After 19 years of dedicated service, Pat retired in 1997, but would continue to fill in and substitute if she was needed.

Survivors include her husband, Arthur Flickinger of Fairfax Station, Va.; a daughter, Kay and John Kern of Hilton Head Island, S.C.; four sons, Stephen and Linda Flickinger of Littleton, Colo., Stanley and Cathy Flickinger of Morrison, Colo., Scott and Cindy Flickinger of Montross, Va., and Seth and Darla Flickinger of Stephens City, Va.; a son-in-law, Rory Seal of Portland, Mich.; 12 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Lorraine Seidel of Kendallville.

She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Kathy Seal, who passed away on May 3, 2006; her sisters, Dorothy Leighty, Lois Kester, and Ardis Jean Karlen; and an infant brother, Robert Karlen.

Visitation will be Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2011, from 4-7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2011 at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home. Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Eugene Flickinger, brother of Arthur.

Burial will be at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery near Kendallville.

Preferred memorials may be made to St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville or to Capital Caring in Falls Church, Va.

Casketbearers will be her sons Stephen, Stanley, Scott, and Seth Flickinger, John Kern and Rory Reed.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Patricia by Tuesday, November 22, 2011, at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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Brian Likens

AUBURN — Brian Scott Likens, 53, of Auburn, died Saturday morning, Nov. 19, 2011.

He was born Aug. 2, 1958, in Auburn to Max and Ruth (Davis) Likens. His father has passed away and his mother survives in Auburn.

He was a 1976 graduate of DeKalb High School. He had worked as a stone and brick mason ever since high school. He learned his trade working with his father then went to work for Auburn Concrete. He was a supervisor with Auburn Concrete and had worked for them for over 25 years.

He married Anne E. Mitchener on Feb. 28, 1998, in Auburn and she died June 20, 2007.

He is survived by his mother, Ruth Likens of Auburn; daughter, Kristi Likens of Auburn; a son, Brian C. Likens of Montpelier, Ohio; a stepdaughter, Jessica Ruiz and her husband, Tony, of Garrett; a stepson, Kellen Mitchener of Ashley; two grandchildren, Donovin Scott Harlan and Cooper James Harlan; four step-grandchildren, Kaleb Sammons, Kameron Ruiz, Anthony Mitchener and Hayden Mitchener; and two brothers, Mark Likens and his wife, Lori, of New Bremen, Ohio, and Marty Likens of Aurora, Colo.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2011, from 4-8 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. There will be no funeral services. To send condolences visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Robert Sleek Sr.

ALTONA — Robert W. Sleek Sr., 79 of Altona, died on Saturday, Nov. 19, 2011 at his residence.

Mr. Sleek

He was born Feb. 20, 1932 in Garrett to the late Clarence "Dale" and Mary Esther Lucille (Snyder) Sleek.

Robert owned and operated Sleek's Service in Altona from 1970-2001. He had also worked for Rohm Chevrolet and Yoder Ford as a mechanic, and for the City of Garrett. He served in the U.S. Army during peacetime before the Korean conflict.

He was a member of the First Church of Christ and Garrett American Legion Post 178, and had been a member of the Altona Volunteer Fire Department.

Surviving are five daughters, Janet (Larry) Snyder of Stroh, Doris (Gary) Jarnagin of Indianapolis, Bonnie Bunn of Acworth, Ga., Judy (Jim) Parker of Stroh and Lynda (Jerry) Scheurich of Rome City; four sons, Robert W. Sleek Jr. of Pennsylvania, Bryan (Misty) Sleek of Auburn, Richard Ray of Stroh and Gaile (Mary) Ray of Hamilton; a sister, Sonia (Tom) Angel of Lexington, Mich.; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth Sleek, on July 28, 1987; and his wife, Carol Sleek, on Aug. 16, 2010; two brothers, Clarence and Thomas Sleek; a son in-law, Thomas Bunn Sr.; a grandson, Troy Ray and a great-granddaughter, Emily Dingus.

The funeral service will be held Tuesday, Nov. 22 at 1 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56 Garrett, with Brother Bud Owen officiating. A military graveside service will follow in Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the March of Dimes

To send a condolence or to sign the online guestbook visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

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Charles Latchaw

KENDALLVILLE — Charles E. Latchaw, 73, of Kendallville died Saturday, Nov. 19, 2011, at 6:04 p.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Mr. Latchaw

Mr. Latchaw graduated from Defiance High School in Defiance, Ohio. He attended Tri-State College in Angola, General Motors Institute in Detroit, Mich., and Defiance College in Defiance.

He retired from sales and management with 27 years in the automotive business, having worked for Shepherd's in Kendallville and Petro's in Warsaw.

He was a member of Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville.

Charles loved his family, friends, church, travelling, landscaping, and growing roses.

He was born April 27, 1938, in Defiance, Ohio, to Charles K. and Belva (Hall) Latchaw. On Aug. 24, 1960, in Defiance, Ohio, he married Nancy Roesti.

Surviving are his wife, Nancy Latchaw of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, David and Margery Latchaw of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Nanette and Nick Yarde of Huntington; three grandchildren, Zachary, Jonathon, and Leslie Marie Yarde all of Huntington; a sister and brother-in-law, Joanne and Doug Parker of Defiance, Ohio; and two brothers-in-law and their wives, Jon and Sylvia Roesti of Defiance, Ohio, and Larry and Sharon Roesti of St. Louis, Missouri.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2011, at 11 a.m. in Faith United Methodist Church, 411 East Harding Street, Kendallville, with Rev. Steve Bahrt officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Defiance, at 3 p.m.

Honorary pallbearers will be Lt. Col. USMC Troy Roesti and Darren Roesti. Active pallbearers will be Zachary Yarde, Jonathon Yarde, Leslie Yarde, Jason Roesti, Brian Roesti, Branden Roesti, Dennis Roesti, and Derek Roesti.

Calling is Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2011, from 2 to 8 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, and one hour prior to services on Wednesday at the church.

Preferred memorials are to Faith United Methodist Church or the donor's choice.

View a video tribute after Tuesday, or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

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Ned Kalb

MIDDLEBURY — Ned Emerson Kalb, 70, died Nov. 19, 2011, in Indianapolis.

Calling will be at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday and at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Middlebury on Wednesday at 9 a.m., followed by church services at 10:30 a.m. Interment will be at Forest Grove Cemetery immediately following the service.

Memorial services will be at Servants of Christ Lutheran Church in Oaklandon on Sunday at 3 p.m.

Memorials are to the Indiana 4-H Foundation or donors choice.

THE NEWS SUN
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Ruth Little

BUTLER — Ruth J. Little, 70, formerly of Butler, died Saturday, Nov. 19, 2011, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Little

She was born in Garrett on August 19, 1941 to Ora Dale and Gertrude I. (Ball) Smith Sr. Her mother has passed away, her father lives in Fremont.

She attended school at Fairfield Center and graduated from Ashley High School in 1959.

Ruth worked as a cook at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn for 17 years, retiring in 2006. She also was a babysitter and childcare provider for many children in Butler.

She was a member of the Corunna United Brethren Church. She liked to make quilts, do needlework and decorate cakes.

Ruth is survived by her father, Ora Dale Smith Sr. of Fremont; two sons Don E. (Kay) DeLong of Auburn and Sam C. (Jeanie) DeLong of Butler; two daughters, Wendy S. (Terry) Spryn of Cecil, Ohio, and Cathy J (Michelle) Todd of Nappanee; 19 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; one brother, Alvin Smith of Fremont; two sisters Barbara Hirshey of Hudson and Doris Ann (Linville) Ritchie of LaGrange; and two former daughters-in-law, Bernice DeLong and Joyce DeLong.

She was preceded in death by her mother; husband Joseph Little in 1999; a son, James D. Delong; and a brother, O. Dale Smith Jr.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2011, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Burial is in Butler Cemetery, Butler. Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to the Cancer Society of Allen County. To send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark,com.

Judy Collins

AUBURN — Judy Kay Collins, 59, died Saturday, Nov. 19, 2011, at her home in Auburn.

Mrs. Collins

She was born July 15, 1952, in Auburn to Louis James and Stella (Gibson) Howe. They have both passed away.

She worked at JCIM in Kendallville. She loved to play bingo and was an avid mushroom hunter.

Judy married Dennis Collins Sr. on June 4, 1983, in Auburn and he survives. Also surviving are three sons and two daughters, Kevin Teegardin, Jason Teegardin, Danielle Teegardin, Dennis Collins Jr. and LaCrisha Leins, all of Auburn; nine grandchildren; a sister and a brother, Glenna Prinzbach of Hinton, W.Va. and Charles (Penny) Howe of Butler; a half-brother, Billy Howe of Butler; and two half-sisters, Garnet Baughman of Auburn and Deloris of Butler.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother Terry Howe; sister Marie Miller; half-brother, Louis Howe Jr.; and stepmother Harriett Howe.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2011, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn. Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to Parkview North Oenology or Parkview Home Health and Hospice. To send condolences visit www.fellerandclark.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
November 22, 2011, Tuesday

Ruth Hall

KENDALLVILLE — Ruth Hall, 81, died Sunday at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

Services will be at the graveside Friday at 2:30 p.m. Central time (3:30 p.m. Eastern time) at Memorial Park Cemetery in Skokie, Ill.

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville.

Cindy Crawford

CHURUBUSCO — Cindy C. Crawford, 39, of Churubusco died Sunday, Nov. 20, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

No funeral services are planned.

Visitation will be from 6 9 p.m. Wednesday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Memorials are to her children in care of Pat Bleich, 2824 Prairie Grove Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46809

Nicholas Cardinal

ALBION — Nicholas John Cardinal, 38, of rural Albion, died Sunday, November 20, 2011, at his residence.

Services are Wednesday at 11 a.m. Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Burial will follow at the Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Calling is today at 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home, and one hour prior to the funeral.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
November 23, 2011, Wednesday

Edna Ritchie

KENDALLVILLE — Edna Isbell Ritchie, 83, of Kendallville died Tuesday, November 22, 2011, at 5:15 a.m. in Lutheran Life Villages, Kendallville.

Mrs. Ritchie

Mrs. Ritchie moved to this area from Kentucky as a teenager.

She was the owner of Edna's Restaurant in Rome City for many years where she was known for her homemade chicken gravy and biscuits.

Edna attended the Full Gospel Revival Center in Rome City.

She was a member of the American Legion Post 381 Auxiliary in Rome City.

She was born October 5, 1928, in Garrett, Kentucky, to Denver and Gracie (Perkins) Skaggs. She was married to Merle "Steve" Isbell, Fred Stolte, and Armond Ritchie. They all preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son, Jimmy Isbell of Walkerton; two grandchildren, Stevie Isbell of Colleyville, Texas, and Tyler Isbell of North Liberty; four great-grandchildren; two sisters, Lillis Ritchie of Rome City and Barb Carson of Kendallville; a brother, Eugene Skaggs of Kendallville; and several nieces and nephews including Patricia Ann Randall of Kendallville.

She was also preceded in death by four sons, Jerome Isbell, David Isbell, Rocky Isbell, and Eddie Isbell; a sister, Alma Randol; and four brothers, Willie Skaggs, Ray "Jr." Skaggs, Marvin Skaggs, and Minnfee Skaggs.

Funeral services will be Saturday, November 26, 2011, at 11 a.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S. R. 9 North, Wolcottville with Pastor Wade Sturdivant officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Calling is Friday, November 25, 2011, from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

View a video tribute after Friday or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Nicholas Cardinal Jr.

ALBION — Nicholas John Cardinal Jr., 38, of rural Albion died on Sunday evening, November 20, 2011, at his residence near Albion.

He was born in Kendallville on July 23, 1973, and was the son of Nicholas J. Cardinal Sr. and Brenda (Young) Manns.

A lifetime Albion resident, he worked as a machine programmer for B & J Specialties in Wawaka for the past five years.

He enjoyed many hobbies like playing pool, boating, cars and dirt bikes.

Surviving are his father and stepmother, Nicholas and Pam Cardinal of Albion; his mother and stepfather, Brenda and Delbert Manns of Kendallville; his paternal grandmother, Helen Cardinal of Albion; his fiancee, Angela King of Albion; three sons, Nicholas J. Cardinal III, Nathan J. Cardinal, and Nelson K. Cardinal, all of Wolf Lake; two stepchildren, Ethan and Jennifer King; his aunts and uncles, Lindol and Robert Able of Avilla and Rick and Linda Young of Albion; a stepbrother, Tim Ronsburg of Huntington; a stepsister, Laurie Holbrook of Hampton, Virginia; and lots of cousins.

He is preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Herman and Viola Young, and his paternal grandfather, Lester Cardinal.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. today, Wednesday, November 23, 2011, at the Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Burial will follow at the Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Visitation will be 1 hour prior to the funeral.

Memorials may be made to the family of Nicholas Cardinal Jr.

To view or sign the online guest register book go to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
November 23, 2011, Wednesday

Ruth Hall

FORT WAYNE — Ruth Hall, age 81, of Fort Wayne died on Sunday, Nov. 20, 2011, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

She moved to Fort Wayne in 1999 and was a store clerk employed with Macy's in Fort Wayne until 2007. She had previously worked at Carson's in Chicago and Montgomery Ward in Skokie, Ill.

Mrs. Hall was born in Tauragë, Lithuania, on Aug. 15, 1930, to Michael Naujokas and Maria (Uszaltis) Naujokas. She married Harry Digby Hall and he preceded her in death July 27, 1995.

Surviving are a daughter, Tina Bowen of Avilla; two sons, Peter Digby Hall of Antioch, Il., and David Digby and Jennifer Hall of Diamond, Ill.; 10 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her brothers and sisters, John Naujokas, Anna Murnieks, Maria Partridge and Peter Naujokas .

Graveside funeral services and burial will be Fridayat 2:30 p.m. (Central Time) at Memorial Park Cemetery, Skokie, Ill, with Pastor Kurt Ulmer.

No visitation is scheduled.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Diane Hamilton

Mrs. Hamilton

LAGRANGE — Diane L. "Grandma" Hamilton, 75, of LaGrange died Monday, Nov. 21, 2011, at her home.

Mrs. Hamilton moved from Noble County to LaGrange IN 1959.

She retired from Starcraft Manufacturing in Emma, where she had worked in sewing production. She had also worked at Lucy's Vedie Twist in LaGrange.

She was born Dec. 30, 1935, in Kendallville to Eugene W. and Luella (Hinkley) Sibert. She married Robert L. Hamilton on Jan. 30, 1959. He preceded her in death on May 10, 2008.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Cathy and Dale Smallwood of Mongo; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Craig Treesh of Orland and Scott and Lucy Hamilton and Mark and Juanita Hamilton, all of LaGrange; 10 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
November 23, 2011, Wednesday

Margaret Whitcomb

CHURUBUSCO — Margaret "Peggy" (Getts) Whitcomb, 71, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Fish Lake in LaPorte County died Monday, Nov. 21, 2011, at the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

At the request of the family there will be no services.

Memorial contributions are to any veterans Organization or the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road Fort Wayne, IN 46814

Arrangements entrusted to Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Online condolences to the family log onto www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Homer Martsolf

MIDDLEBURY — Homer Joseph Martsolf, 81, of Middlebury died Monday, Nov. 21, 2011, at Elkhart General Hospital.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Monday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, 1003 S. Main St., Middlebury.

Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to American Heart Association.

Brenda Showen

KENDALLVILLE — Brenda K. Showen, 69, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Nov. 22 at 12:45 p.m. in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be Saturday, Nov. 26 at 2:30 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 South State St., Kendallville.

Calling is Friday, Nov. 25 from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

A full obituary will appear in Thursday's edition.

Judith Tustison

BUTLER — Judith A. Tustison, 70, died Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2011, at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home.

She was born on April 4, 1941 in Fort Wayne to Russell and Dorothy (Clover) Tustison.

She was preceded in death by her father, Russell, and her mother and stepfather, Wilbur and Dorothy Logan, and two brothers.

Surviving are several cousins.

Funeral services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, with calling one hour prior to services.

Burial will be in the Riverside Cemetery, St. Joe.

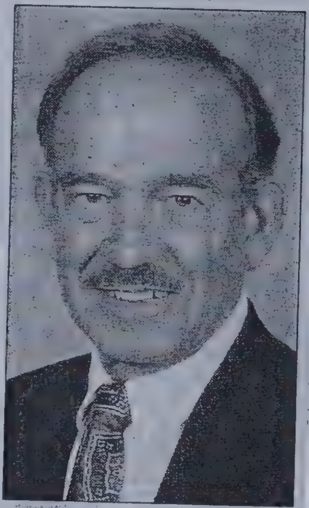
Esther Wagner

STURGIS, Mich. — Esther Marguerite Wagner, 99, of Sturgis died Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2011, at Thurston Woods Village.

Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
November 23, 2011, Wednesday

Charles W. Elser, 82



Charles William Elser, age 82, died on Thursday, November 17, 2011 at 11:53 AM at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born on November 19, 1928 in York Township, Indiana and was the son of Charles M. and Cleone (Reidenbach) Elser. A lifetime Noble County resident, he graduated from Albion-Jefferson High School in the Class of 1946.

He married Marjorie Parker on November 13, 1954 at Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion.

Mr. Elser was a self employed carpenter, and was the instructor for the building/trades department for Central Noble High School. He served his country as a Sergeant in the United States Air Force from 1946 to 1949.

He was very active in the Albion community, serving on the town of Albion Planning Commission and Zoning Boards, and on the Albion Township Advisory Board for 32 years. He was a 50 year member of the Albion Masonic Lodge F&AM #97, the Scottish Rite in Fort Wayne, the Albion American Legion Post #246 and a member of Asbury United Methodist Church.

He enjoyed Purdue Basketball, fishing, carpentry and most of all spending time with his grandkids and his family.

Surviving are his wife of 57 years, Marjorie Elser of Albion; children, Stan (Tammy) Elser of Indianapolis, Leisa (Luther) Patrick of Fort Wayne, Brian (Susan) Elser of Indianapolis and Laura (Matt) Keister of Avilla; Grandpa to nine grandchildren, Simon Elser, Sarah Elser, Macey Elser, David Elser, Benjamin Elser, Abbey Keister, Logan Keister, Claire Keister and Gabe Keister; two brothers, Richard "Brent" (Roberta) Elser of Albion and James (Ann) Elser of Ligonier; two sisters, Elizabeth Shellman of Albion, Helen (Robert) Coil of Wolf Lake; and two sisters-in-law, Peggy Elser of Albion and Pat Frymier of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Raymond and Harold Elser; and a brother-in-law, Robert Shellman.

Funeral services for Mr. Elser were Monday, November 21, 2011 at Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion. Rev. Bret Frymier officiated.

Members of the Albion Masonic Lodge #97 conducted a Masonic service on Sunday evening.

Burial was at Sweet Cemetery in Albion. American Legion Post #246 conducted military graveside rites.

Memorials may be made to Asbury United Methodist Church.

Go to brazzellfuneralhome.com to send online condolences.

ALBION NEW ERA
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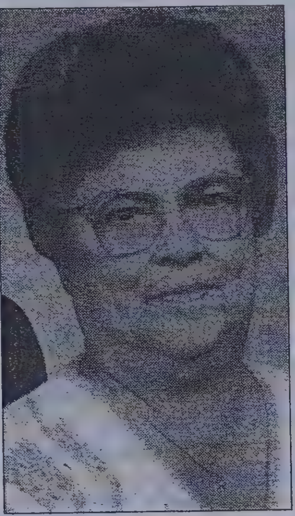
November 23, 2011, Wednesday

Greta M. Wallace, 77



Greta M. Wallace, age 77, of Cromwell, IN passed away on Friday November 18, 2011 at 4:07 PM at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, IN. She was born on December 31, 1933 to Donald & Mary B. (Elder) Robbins in Warsaw, IN.

On January 22, 1955 she married Jim P. Wallace in Elkhart, IN.

Greta grew up working in the newspaper and printing business. She later owned and operated the Cromwell Advance with her husband until their merger with the Ligonier Leader in the 1970's. She then continued to work as the office manager of the Advance Leader for many years. She never retired and presently operated Cromwell Advance Printing with her husband, supplying job work for the community. She served on the Cromwell town board for many years and also served as president. She currently was a member of the Ligonier Evangelical Church. Throughout her life she was very active in the community serving in various community activities. Greta was always willing to volunteer anywhere needed. Above all she was a dedicated and loving wife, mother, and grandmother. She was also known as a wonderful cook.

She is survived by her husband of 56 years, James P. Wallace of Cromwell; a son, Rock D. Wallace of Avilla, IN; two daughters, Ren (Kerry) Sprunger of Topeka, IN and Ranell (Dave) Enders of Princeton, IA; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Robin Wallace Patterson in 1979 and her parents.

A funeral service was held in Greta's honor on Monday November 22, 2011 at Ligonier Evangelical Church with Pastor Troy Diersing officiating.

A private cremation committal will take place at Legacy Cremation & Remembrance Center.

Memorial contributions are to Shriner's Hospital, Office of Development, 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

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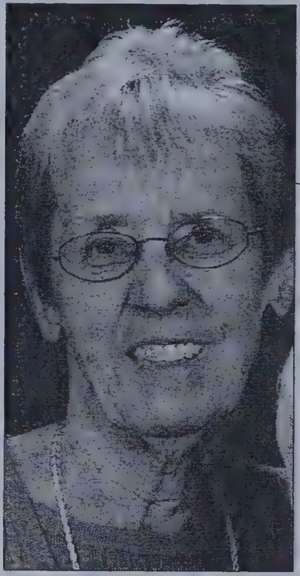
November 23, 2011, Wednesday

Patricia A. Flickinger, 80



Patricia Ann (Karlen) Flickinger, age 80, of Fairfax Station, Virginia died on Saturday, November 19, 2011 at Mt. Vernon Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Alexandria, Virginia.

Mrs. Flickinger was born in Sharpsville, Indiana, the youngest of five daughters, on October 15, 1931 to the late Ernest and Ella Amelia (Ziehr) Karlen.

Older sister, Ardis Jean, died of scarlet fever when Pat was two years old.

When she was four years old, the family moved to Kendallville, Indiana.

She went through the eighth grade at St. John Lutheran School and ninth and tenth grades at Kendallville High School where she sang in the choir.

The family moved to Decatur in 1947, where she graduated from Decatur High School and went on to study nursing at Lutheran Hospital Nursing School in Fort Wayne.

While in Decatur, she was active in her church youth group.

On November 22, 1951, she married Arthur Flickinger, at the St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

They moved to West Lafayette where Pat was employed as a secretary in the engineering department at Purdue University.

As their children were born, Pat was a mother and homemaker, dedicated to raising their children. She canned, sewed clothing for her family, served nutritious meals, was a Girl Scout leader, and was her boys' biggest Little League fan.

She was a member of a Home Ec Club, and enjoyed knitting. She knitted afghans for each of her 10 grandchildren upon their high school graduation.

They moved many times all across the country and the family became involved in church activities very soon after each move. Together, Pat and Art served as Presbyterian elders, deacons, and youth leaders and are members of the Kirkwood Presbyterian Church in Springfield, Virginia. Pat sang in the church choir and was active in the women's circle. She was honored to have received the Lifetime Member of Presbyterian Women award.

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When they moved to Virginia, Pat served in the Fairfax County School System as a secretary to the principal for the Area IV Special Education staff and at Key Middle School. After 19 years of dedicated service, Pat retired in 1997, but would continue to fill in and substitute if she was needed.

Survivors include her husband, Arthur Flickinger of Fairfax Station, Virginia; sons, Stephen and Linda Flickinger of Littleton, Colorado, Stan and Cathy Flickinger of Morrison, Colorado, Scott and Cindy Flickinger of Montross, Virginia, Seth and Darla Flickinger of Stephens City, Virginia; daughter, Kay and John Kern of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina; son-in-law, Rory Seal of Portland, Michigan; 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; sister, Lorraine Seidel of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Kathy Seal, who passed away on May 3, 2006; her sisters, Dorothy Leighty, Lois Kester, and Ardis Jean Karlen; and an infant brother, Robert Karlen.

Funeral services were Wednesday, November 23, 2011 at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service was Pastor Eugene Flickinger, brother of Arthur.

Burial was at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery near Kendallville, Indiana.

Preferred memorials may be made to St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville or to Capital Caring in Falls Church, Virginia.

Casket bearers were her sons Stephen, Stanley, Scott, and Seth Flickinger, John Kern and Rory Reed.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Ruth Hall, 81

Ruth Hall, 81, died Sunday at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

Services will be at the graveside Friday, November 25, 2011 at 2:30 p.m. (central) 3:30 p.m. (eastern) at Memorial Park Cemetery in Skokie, Illinois.

Arrangements by Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville.

ALBION NEW ERA
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November 23, 2011, Wednesday

Lucinda M. Hunt, 56

Lucinda "Cindy" Marie Hunt, 56, of Kimmell, passed away on November 16, 2011 at 5:03 PM at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier. She was born on May 2, 1955 to Carlisle and Martha (Leslie) Miller in Wolf Lake, IN. On April 12, 1975 she married Lester Ray Hunt, he survives.

She had worked at Courtyard Healthcare in Goshen since 2008, and previously worked at Avalon Village from 1990-2008. She loved to read, garden, embroider and care for her four little dogs.

She is survived by her husband, Lester Ray Hunt of Kimmell; three children, Shelly Hunt and her fiancé Jeff Long of Ligonier, Shawn (Michelle) Hunt of Milford and Shanna (John) Griffith of Cromwell; six grandchildren; and two siblings.

A memorial service was held in Cindy's honor on Saturday, November 19, 2011 at Yeager Funeral Home with Pastor Mel Heininger officiating.

A private cremation committal took place at Legacy Cremation & Remembrance Center in Ligonier. Memorial contributions may be directed to the family.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Helen G. Macino, 90

Helen G. Macino, age 90, died Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at 2:45 AM, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

She was born in McCook, Illinois on April 26, 1921 and was the daughter of Michael and Mary (Saben) Crnkovich. She came to Indiana 5 years ago from Chicago.

On December 26, 1939 she married Anthony J. Macino in Chicago, he preceded her in death on September 26, 1990.

Mrs. Macino was a homemaker for her life's work. She enjoyed baking and was a collector of many things. She was a former member of St. Jane de Chantal Catholic Church in Chicago.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Donna Macino of Columbia City; three grandsons, Philip (Danielle) Macino of Seattle, Dominic (Sayo) Macino of Baltimore and Michael Macino of Palm Dale, California; three great-grandchildren, Ava, Milo and Casi Macino.

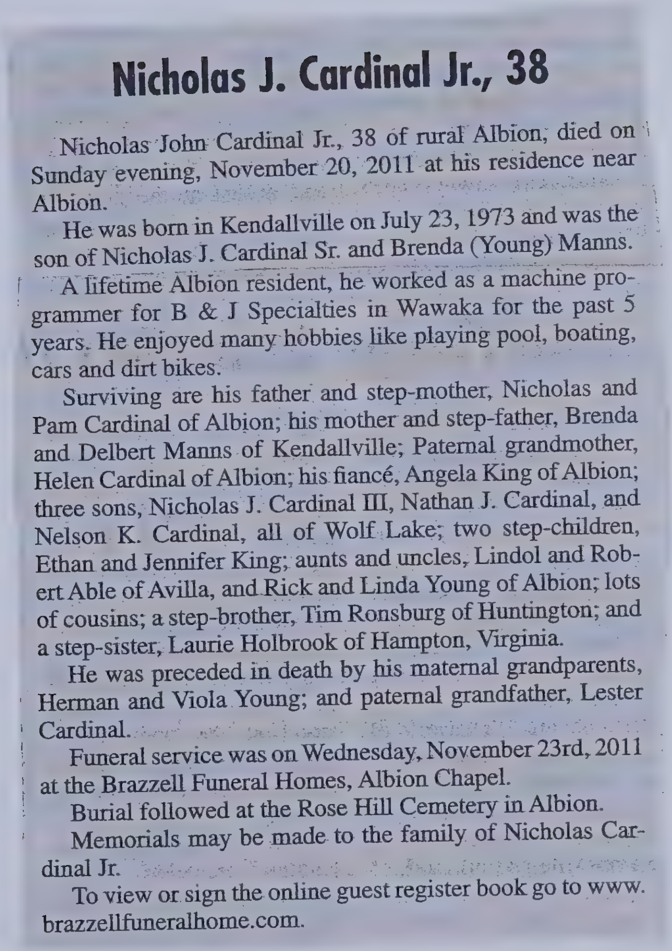
She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and her son, Michael Macino in 1959.

Mass of Christian Burial was Thursday, November 17, 2011 at Provena Sacred Heart Home Chapel in Avilla. Father Danny Pinto will officiate.

Burial followed the Mass at Mounty Carmel Cemetery in Hillsdale, Illinois.

Go to brazzellfuneralhome.com to send online condolences.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
November 23, 2011, Wednesday



Nicholas J. Cardinal Jr., 38

Nicholas John Cardinal Jr., 38 of rural Albion, died on Sunday evening, November 20, 2011 at his residence near Albion.

He was born in Kendallville on July 23, 1973 and was the son of Nicholas J. Cardinal Sr. and Brenda (Young) Manns.

A lifetime Albion resident, he worked as a machine programmer for B & J Specialties in Wawaka for the past 5 years. He enjoyed many hobbies like playing pool, boating, cars and dirt bikes.

Surviving are his father and step-mother, Nicholas and Pam Cardinal of Albion; his mother and step-father, Brenda and Delbert Manns of Kendallville; Paternal grandmother, Helen Cardinal of Albion; his fiancé, Angela King of Albion; three sons, Nicholas J. Cardinal III, Nathan J. Cardinal, and Nelson K. Cardinal, all of Wolf Lake; two step-children, Ethan and Jennifer King; aunts and uncles, Lindol and Robert Able of Avilla, and Rick and Linda Young of Albion; lots of cousins; a step-brother, Tim Ronsburg of Huntington; and a step-sister, Laurie Holbrook of Hampton, Virginia.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Herman and Viola Young; and paternal grandfather, Lester Cardinal.

Funeral service was on Wednesday, November 23rd, 2011 at the Brazzell Funeral Homes, Albion Chapel.

Burial followed at the Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Memorials may be made to the family of Nicholas Cardinal Jr.

To view or sign the online guest register book go to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
November 24, 2011, Thursday

Wayne Brockett

FORT WAYNE — Wayne Brockett passed away Tuesday, November 22, 2011, at the age of 93 in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

He was born to Grace and Howard Brockett on September 16, 1918, in Mt. Carmel, Illinois. He served in the Army during World War II and worked at the United States Post Office until his retirement.

Mr. Brockett

Before returning to Fort Wayne six months ago, he lived in Syracuse, Indiana and Naples, Florida.

Preceding him in death was his wife of 66 years, Alice Brockett, and a brother, Ronald Brockett.

Surviving are two daughters, Cynthia (Thomas) Herald of Syracuse, Ind., and Beverly (Gary) Smith of Champaign, Ill.; four grandchildren, Brent Herald, Nicole (Jeff) Dyson, Sean Smith and Stuart Smith; five great-grandchildren; a sister, Thelma Meriwether of Lakeland, Fla.; and a nephew, David Brockett of Ligonier.

A cremation committal will take place at Legacy Cremation & Remembrance Center in Ligonier. A private family celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Parkview Foundation, 2200 Randallia Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46805

The Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Brenda Showen

KENDALLVILLE — Brenda Kay Showen, 69, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2011, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was a lifetime area resident. She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1961.

Mrs. Showen had worked at Essex Wire in Kendallville and was a waitress at Miller's Truck Stop in Kendallville.

Mrs. Showen

She was born Oct. 28, 1942, in Green Center to Warren and Maxine (Addis) Hursey. She married James "Jim" Showen on Oct. 13, 1961, in Kendallville. He survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Becky and Eric Daniels of Kendallville; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Marc Showen of Kendallvillle and Jeff and Laurie Showen of Hamler, Ohio; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and a sister and her companion, Vicki Patee and Sherman Click of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Roger Hursey.

Funeral services will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., with Pastor Tom Clothier of First Christian Church in Kendallville officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Indiana State Chapter, 7301 Georgetown Road, Suite 112, Indianapolis, IN 46268.

View a video tribute by Friday or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Dale Bunn

SARDINIA, Ohio — Dale A. Bunn, 66, of Sardinia, Ohio, died Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2011, at Clermont Mercy Hospital.

Mr. Bunn taught health and science for 30 years at Eastern Junior High School. He also coached track and basketball for the school.

He was born Feb. 3, 1945, in Garrett, Ind., to Merle L. and Viola Mae (Oyer) Bunn. They preceded him in death.

Mr. Bunn was a member and elder of the Russellville Church of Christ.

Surviving are his wife, Janice; a daughter and her husband, Lindsey and Ryan Kroemer of Whiteland, Ind.; his sister and her husband, Velma and Raymond Souder of Avilla, Ind.; a sister-in-law, Dianne Bunn of Conyers, Ga.; a stepgranddaughter; and many nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Keith Bunn and Gene Bunn, and by an aunt and uncle, Russ and Ruby Bunn.

Funeral services will be held at 8 p.m. Friday in the Russellville Church of Christ.

Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. at the church prior to the service.

Services will also be held at 7 p.m. Saturday at the First Church of Christ in Garrett, Ind.

Visitation will be 5-7 p.m. at the church prior to the service.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Sunday at Huntertown Cemetery in Huntertown, Ind.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are to the Russellville Church of Christ, 114 S. Columbus, St., Russellville, OH 45168.

Meeker Funeral Home in Russellville is in charge of Ohio arrangements.

Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett is in charge of Indiana arrangements.

Sign an online guestbook at www.meekerfuneralhome.com.

Juanita Tribolet

ANGOLA — Juanita Tribolet, 88, of Angola died Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2011, at Cameron Hospital.

She and her husband were founders of the Christ Methodist Church of McKinney.

Mrs. Tribolet

She is survived by a son, Gary Lee Tribolet of Angola; a daughter, Diana Lynn (Jon) Dickinson of Angola; and a sister, Loretta (Jim) Rumple of Perrysburg, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 37 years, Horace Tribolet Jr., in 1988.

Private services were at Covington Memorial Gardens & Funeral Home.

To sign a guestbook go to www.covingtonmemorial.com.

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Robert Doty

ASHLEY — Robert L. Doty, 79, passed away at 11:35 p.m. Wednesday, November 23, 2011, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Mr. Doty was born in Williams County, Ohio, on June 9, 1932, to LeRoy and Elizabeth (Kirby) Doty.

He was a retired farmer and worked for the Indiana State Highway Department for 13 years.

Mr. Doty was Korean War veteran serving in the U.S. Army.

He was a member of Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley.

He married Anna Mae Albertson on February 12, 1955, in Angola and she passed away on April 24, 2011.

He was preceded in death by his wife and three sisters, Ilene Hall, Lois Ludwick and Evelyn Doty.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Frank and Joyce Doty of Auburn; a daughter, Karen K. Doty of Auburn; two grandchildren, Mikalyn Doty and Wilson Doty; and a sister, Hazel Gearhart of Bryan, Ohio.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, November 30, at Independent Full Gospel Church, 1000 S. Gonser St., Ashley, with calling at the church on Tuesday, November 29, from 4-8 p.m.

Pastor Sam Weimer will officiate.

Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson, with military graveside services by members of Butler American Legion Post 202.

Memorials are to the Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley.

Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, in charge of arrangements.

Send online condolences to www.dalejohnsonfh.com.

Kathryn David

ANGOLA — Kathryn P. Haverstock David, 96, died Thursday, Nov. 24, 2011, at Northern Lakes Nursing Home in Angola.

Mrs. David

Mrs. David worked as a telephone operator for General Telephone for 15 years. She then went to work as a nurses' aide for Parkview Hospital for 13 years.

She was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

She was born May 8, 1915, in Lee, Ind., to Ray and Mary K. (Gilmore) Holman. She married Kenneth Haverstock in 1933 in Butler. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are three sons, Jerald Haverstock of Kentwood, Mich., Richard Haverstock of Allentown, Pa., and Robert Haverstock of Kentwood, Mich.; 10 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two sons, Charles Ray Haverstock and Howard Wayne Haverstock; two brothers, Kenneth Holman and Ross Holman; and a sister, Doris Hines.

Services will be 2 p.m. Monday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Jack Smith officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Visitation will be from noon to 2 p.m. prior to the service on Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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Barbara Hoffmeyer

WATERLOO — Barbara J. Hoffmeyer, 83, of Waterloo died Thursday, Nov. 24, 2011, at DeKalb Health in Auburn.

Mrs. Hoffmeyer worked as a secretary for the Dana Corp. in Auburn for 28 years, retiring in 1986.

She attended the Charity Christian Ministries in Waterloo.

She was born June 27, 1928, in Chicago to Herman and Anna (Zimmerman) Diederich. She married Herbert Hoffmeyer on March 15, 1947, in Waterloo. He died May 31, 2003.

Surviving are a sister, Jacqueline Swain on Cantonment, Fla.; several nieces and nephews; and special friends, Delbert and Mary Lou Payton of Waterloo.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two sisters, Loretta Raub and Catherine Diederich; and a brother, Robert Diederich.

A graveside services will be at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at Fairfield Cemetery in rural Corunna, with Pastor Sheridan Hall officiating.

Visitation will be from noon to 3 p.m. Monday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials may be directed to DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

In this season of Thanksgiving, the Jack Gibson family would like to thank everyone for their prayers, thoughts, cards, visits, telephone calls and food that you provided for us during Jack's cancer journey. The outpouring of love was overwhelming and we are so blessed to have you in our lives. Jack had touched so many people during his lifetime and his memory will continue to live for all. We are truly blessed to call you our friends. God bless all of you.

Betty Gibson, Todd & Jenny Gibson, Troy & Kelly Gibson, Tanner, Conner, Hayley, Ryley, Gavin & Alanna Gibson

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Nancy Travisano

ANGOLA — Nancy D. Travisano, 84, of Angola died Thursday, Nov. 24, 2011, in Angola.

Mrs. Travisano has donated her body to science.

No calling will be held.

Family members will hold a memorial service at a later date.

THE NEWS SUN
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November 27, 2011, Sunday

Making her world a better place

Lucille Hardy never wanted anyone to suffer

BY NICHOLE HACHA-THOMAS
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AUBURN — Lucile Hardy was one busy woman, helping anyone and everyone who needed it. But no matter how busy, she always had time for her family.

Hardy, 91, died at the home of her daughter on Oct. 17.

Born to Edgar and Bessie Barley, Hardy was a lifelong resident of Auburn. She graduated from Auburn High School in 1937 and married fellow Auburn resident Richard Eldon Hardy in 1940.

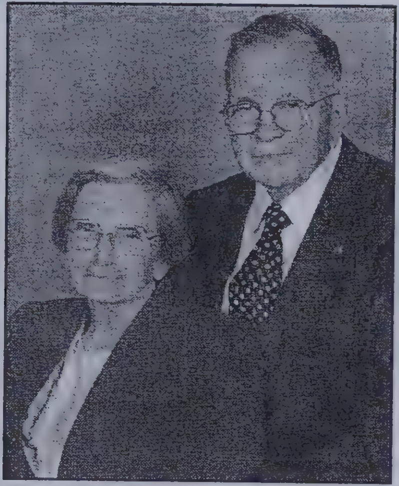
After attending International Business College in Fort Wayne, Mrs. Hardy had three children and became a stay-at-home mother. Only she didn't stay at home very often, said son Robert Hardy.

"She was pretty busy," he said. "I don't know how she did it all — but she did."

Robert Hardy said his mother was known for her charity work. From serving as a volunteer at the DeKalb County American Red Cross for more than 50 years to helping as a Girl Scout leader and working at the county's first-aid center and food pantry, if there was someone in need of helping, Mrs. Hardy was there.

"I don't think she was ever overwhelmed by anything," daughter Carol Ann Payton said. "She'd get calls in the middle of the night, and it never bothered her. She never wanted anyone to suffer — ever."

In addition to volunteering at the Red Cross, son Richard Hardy said, his mother served as the agency's director for six years. She retired at the age of 79.



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Lucille Hardy and her husband, Richard Eldon Hardy, pose for a photo for their church directory. Mrs. Hardy was a lifelong member of Auburn United Methodist Church, where she served on the church's mission commission, on the church board and taught Sunday School. Mrs. Hardy was known countywide for her charity work.

Her favorite part of the job was helping families through the DeKalb County Christmas Bureau, which was sponsored by the Red Cross, Robert Hardy said.

"When she worked out at the Christmas Bureau, they'd send people down from (my job), and they'd always come back saying they had a hard time keeping up with her," Robert Hardy said. "She had one speed — faster."

Other service groups Mrs. Hardy assisted include DeKalb County Focus on Health, DeKalb County Extension Homemakers, Auburn Women's Club and Auburn Order of the Eastern Star. She received the Jefferson Award for her public service in 1999 and was named DeKalb County Volunteer of the Year in 1998.

"When she was younger, about 12 or 13, she wanted to be a missionary in Africa," Robert Hardy said. "She never made it, but she worked to make her little corner of the world a better place, instead."

She didn't help only those in and around Auburn, either. Payton said her mother often put together tray favors for patients in the area. She would decorate the cards with poems or other embellishments and deliver them to the veterans' hospitals in Fort Wayne and Warren and to nursing homes in Auburn.

"She loved doing that for people who may not have been able to go home and visit their families on holidays," Payton said.

Mrs. Hardy also had plenty of time for her church, her children said.

A lifelong member of Auburn United Methodist church, she served on the church's mission commission and the church board, led Sunday School classes and was the Wesleyan Circle chairperson. She received the church's Special Recognition from United Methodist Women award for her dedication to the church.

"She was one of a kind," Richard Hardy said.

Through it all, Mrs. Hardy's children said, despite being busier than most, she never missed a baseball game, a band performance or any other of her children's — or grandchildren's — activities.

From her famous fried chicken dinners on Sunday to family shopping trips to Fort Wayne's Wolf & Dessauer, his mother always made time for family, Richard Hardy said.

"She was quite busy, but she was always there when we needed her," Robert Hardy said. "If there were more people like her, the world would be a better place."

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Esther Wagner

STURGIS, MICH. — Esther Marguerite Wagner, 99, of 1023 Tracy Drive, Sturgis, Mich., passed away Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2011, at Thurston Woods Village. Sturgis, Mich.

A memorial service will be Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011, at 4 p.m. in the Sturgis Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 69820 S. Nottawa Road, Sturgis, Mich., with Ronnie Marshal presiding.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, is in charge of the arrangements.

Joseph Emerson

ROME CITY — Joseph M. Emerson, 32, of Rome City, died Saturday, Nov. 26, 2011, at 2:10 a.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2011, at Rome City United Methodist Church with Pastor Barbara Cross and Pastor Mike McKinney officiating.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2011, at the church.

Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville, is in charge of arrangements.

A full obituary will appear in Monday's edition of the News-Sun.

Barbara Hoffmeyer

WATERLOO — Barbara J. Hoffmeyer, 83, of Waterloo died Thursday, Nov. 24, 2011, at DeKalb Health in Auburn.

Mrs. Hoffmeyer worked as a secretary for the Dana Corp. in Auburn for 28 years, retiring in 1986.

She attended the Charity Christian Ministries in Waterloo.

She was born June 27, 1928, in Chicago to Herman and Anna (Zimmerman) Diederich. She married Herbert Hoffmeyer on March 15, 1947, in Waterloo. He died May 31, 2003.

Surviving are a sister, Jacqueline Swain on Cantonment, Fla.; several nieces and nephews; and special friends, Delbert and Mary Lou Payton of Waterloo.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two sisters, Loretta Raub and Catherine Diederich; and a brother, Robert Diederich.

A graveside services will be at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at Fairfield Cemetery in rural Corunna, with Pastor Sheridan Hall officiating.

Visitation will be from noon to 3 p.m. Wednesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials may be directed to DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Edna Spatt

FORT WAYNE — Edna I. Spatt, 88, of Fort Wayne, died Friday, Nov. 25, 2011, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

She was a homemaker, a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and a World War II Navy veteran.

Mrs. Spatt

She was born Feb. 9, 1923, in Wisconsin Dells, Wis. to the late Alonzo and Charlotte (Cook) Magee.

Surviving are five daughters, Madeline (John) Walburn of Auburn, Sandy (Chris) Brough of Fort Wayne, Linda (Creed) Cunningham of Brownsburg, Ind., Debra (Paul) Nielsen of Fort Wayne, and Sharon (Kevin) Zwick of Fort Wayne; two sons, Louie (Christine) Spatt of Fort Wayne, and Larry (Annette) Spatt of Fort Wayne; 27 grandchildren; and many great grandchildren.

Preceding her in death, in addition to her parents, were her husband, Louis Spatt, and 10 siblings.

Mass of Christian Burial will be on Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2011, at 10 a.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 2120 S. Harrison St., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be Monday, Nov. 28, 2011, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to St. Patrick Catholic Church.

To leave online condolences, visit www.elzey-patterson-rodakfuneralhome.com.

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Mary Geary

ANGOLA — Mary Hook Geary, 96, of Angola, formerly of Fremont, died Friday, Nov. 25, 2011, at her daughter's home in Angola.

Mrs. Geary

Mary raised her three children on the family farm north of Fremont. In later years she enjoyed selling Avon.

She was a member of Clear Lake Lutheran Church, Clear Lake, Fremont, and a longtime member of the Angola Moose Lodge, and held many offices. Mary also bowled with the "Dick's Chick" team all over the U.S.

She was born in Adams County, Ind., on May 15, 1915, to Ray and Cecil (Byer) Dunifon. They preceded her in death. She was married to Thomas Hook in 1938 in Van Wert, Ohio. He preceded her in death on Jan. 30, 1978. Later she married William Geary at Clear Lake Lutheran Church in 1996 when they were both 80 years old. He preceded her in death on Aug. 11, 2005.

Surviving are: a daughter, Sherry and Phil Meyers, Angola; a son, Dennis and Joyce Hook, Montgomery, Mich.; a son-in-law, John Prell, Crest Hill, Ill.; 10 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death, in addition to her husbands and parents, were: a daughter, Lynn Marie Prell; a brother, Vern Dunifon; a granddaughter, Abra McClelland; and a nephew, Don Dunifon.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2011, at Clear Lake Lutheran Church, 270 Outer Drive, Clear Lake, Fremont, with Rev. Tim Miller and Father Philip Schneider officiating. Burial will be in Clear Lake Lutheran Cemetery, Clear Lake, Fremont.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2011 at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with a prayer service at 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Visitation will also be one hour prior to the services on Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to the Clear Lake Lutheran Church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Beams Funeral Home of Fremont is in charge of arrangements.

Lynnette Funk

WAWAKA — Lynnette Funk, 39, of Wawaka, passed away Saturday, Nov. 26, 2011, at Northridge Village in Albion. Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

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Donna Bock

WATERLOO — Donna Jean Bock, 80, of Waterloo, died at 8:20 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 26, 2011, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Bock

She was born April 25, 1931, in Waterloo to Byron L. and Malinda C. (Mann) Johnson and they preceded her in death.

She married Robert W. Bock on July 13, 1953, in Garrett. He also preceded her in death.

She worked as an assembler for the Auburn Rubber Company for three years, and was a homemaker.

Donna was a member of New Hope Christian Center of Waterloo, the Garrett Eagles Auxiliary, and the Waterloo VFW.

Donna is survived by two sons, Timothy Bock of DeBerry, Texas and Dusty Bock of Waterloo; three daughters, Sharmon Hartman and Bobbie Crager, both of Kendallville, and Tonoa McLain of Hudson; 17 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren; a brother, Harold Johnson, of Garrett; and a sister, Thelma Acker of Auburn.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was also preceded in death by a son, Kim DeWayne Bock; two sisters, Matilda Wooley and Dessie Wilson; four brothers, Ross, Albert, Charles and James Johnson; and two grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 2-6 p.m. Tuesday at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

Services will take place at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home with Pastor Ralph Deihl officiating.

Burial will take place at 2:30 p.m. Friday in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorials are to the family.

You may send a condolence or sign the online register book by visiting www.thomasfuneralhome.org

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Dennille Hippenhammer

AUBURN — Dennille D. Hippenhammer, 70, of Auburn and formerly of Ligonier, died Saturday, Nov. 26, 2011, at her home in Auburn.

Mrs. Hippenhammer worked for Tower Awards in Topeka for 17 years, retiring in December of 2006.

She was born Dec. 4, 1940, in Auburn to Henry F. and Mary E. (Glass) Donley. They both preceded her in death.

She married Russell D. Hippenhammer on Nov. 28, 1957, in Avilla. He died in 2001.

Surviving are a son, Russell D. Hippenhammer of Kendallville; a daughter, Rita D. Hippenhammer of Elkhart; and four sisters and their spouses, Stella and Roger Holiday, Marjorie and Lamar Ruhl of Mission, Texas, Sheila Jones of Rome City, and Eileen and Wesley Haines of Kendallville.

There will be no services conducted.

Memorials may be directed to DeKalb Memorial Hospice or the Cancer Center.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com

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Mary Becker

KENDALLVILLE — Mary Becker, 92, died Saturday, Nov. 26, 2011, at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Leonard King officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be Tuesday from 3-7 p.m. at the funeral home, and one hour before services.

Memorials are to the Noble County Humane Shelter or Lutheran Life Villages.

Patricia VanLeuven

AUBURN — Patricia E. VanLeuven, 58, of Auburn, died Saturday, Nov. 26, 2011, at Saint Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m., and one hour prior to services at the funeral home. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Karen McAtee

HOWE — Karen McAtee, 49, of Howe and formerly of Elkhart, died Sunday, Nov. 27, 2011, at her mother's residence.

Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Donald Leazier Jr.

ELMIRA, Mich. — Donald E. Leazier Jr., 77, a resident of Elmira, Mich., and formerly of the Fort Wayne area, died Sunday, Nov. 27, 2011, at the home of his daughter in rural DeKalb County.

There will be a military presentation by the U. S. Navy and the American Legion at 5 p. m. Wednesday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Calling will be at the funeral home on Wednesday from 1-5 p. m.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana, 6316 Mutual Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46825

Adlyn Sciole

FORT WAYNE — Adlyn Sciole, 92, died Saturday at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Lynnette Funk

WAWAKA — Lynnette Kae Funk, 39, of Wawaka passed away Saturday, Nov. 26, 2011, at 1:55 p.m. following a courageous battle with breast cancer.

She was born on Jan. 2, 1972, in Goshen to Terry and Donna Funk.

Lynnette graduated from West Noble High School in 1990 and had recently worked at Union Products in Cromwell.

She is survived by two sons, Kristopher Funk and Kyran Franks of Ligonier; her parents, Terry Funk of Wawaka and Donna Funk of Ligonier; two sisters, Lisa (Steven) Hartsough of Albion, Kandi (Richard) Click of Cromwell; and two nieces, Baylee and Kacee Click of Cromwell.

A memorial gathering will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2011, from 1-5 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN 46767. A private cremation committal will take place at Legacy Cremation and Remembrance Center in Ligonier.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the family in care of Yeager Funeral Home. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com

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Joseph Emerson

ROME CITY — Joseph Mansfield Emerson, 32, of Rome City died Saturday, Nov. 26, 2011, at 2:10 a.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville, following a 3 1/2-month illness.

Mr. Emerson

He graduated from East Noble High School in 1998, where he was active in theater. He was a 2002 graduate of Ball State Honors College in Muncie.

Joe lived and worked in Los Angeles for four years and returned to Rome City to work on the family farm.

He was born Oct. 27, 1979, in Angola to Lawrence E. and Sue Ann (Stump) Emerson. His parents survive in Rome City.

Also surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Laura and Bruce Slusher of Swanton, Ohio; a brother and sister-in-law, Dr. Robert Emerson and Dr. Anne-Marie Monty of Carmel; and two nephews, Martin L. Emerson and George D. Emerson, both of Carmel.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Allen and Thelma (Myers) Emerson and Raymond and Mary Kathryn (Mahnesmith) Stump; and an infant brother, David Emerson, in 1975.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2011, at 11 a.m. in the Rome City United Methodist Church, with Pastor Barbara Cross and Pastor Mike McKinney officiating.

Burial will be at a later date in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Calling is Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2011, from 4-8 pm. at the church.

Preferred memorials are to the Rome City United Methodist Church or the Rome City Lions Scholarship Fund.

Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, State Road 9 North, Wolcottville is assisting the family with arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

THE NEWS SUN
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Mary Becker

KENDALLVILLE — Mary Marie Becker, 92, of Kendallville died on Saturday, Nov. 26, 2011, at Lutheran Life Villages, Kendallville.

Mrs. Becker

Mrs. Becker was a homemaker.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Kendallville.

Mrs. Becker was born in Wawaka, Ind., June 15, 1919, to Charles and Lulu (Ritter) Hoover. She married Henry Allen Becker on March 8, 1941, in Columbia City. He preceded her death May 16, 2002.

Surviving are two sons, Terry and Katie Becker of The Villages, Fla., and Jerry and Susan Becker of Kendallville; two daughters, Carol Steeg of Fort Wayne and Pam and Dirk Renkenberger of Kendallville; 11 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren.; and a sister, Evelyn Kitchen of Kendallville.

Visitation will be today from 3-7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home with visitation an hour before the service starts.

Officiating the funeral service will be Rev. Dr. Leonard King.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Casketbearers will be her grandsons Kevin Becker, Jay Becker, Chad Becker, Kenneth Steeg, Josh Molen, and Ian Molen.

Memorials are to the Noble County Humane Shelter or Lutheran Life Villages.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Phyllis Goodwin

ANGOLA — Phyllis Lee Goodwin, 88, of Angola and formerly of LaGrange died Sunday, Nov. 27, 2011, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, at Fairview Missionary Church in Angola with the Rev. Norman Fuller officiating.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association, 50 E. 91st St., Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46209.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

A full obituary will appear in Wednesday's edition.

Gary Carney

LAGRANGE — Gary M. Carney, 63, of LaGrange died Monday, Nov. 28, 2011, at Parkview Main Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

David Stewart

MT. DORA, Fla. — David H. Stewart, 71, Mt. Dora, Fla., died Nov. 10, 2011, in Mt. Dora, Fla., from injuries sustained in a pedestrian/truck accident.

Mr. Stewart

Mr. Stewart was a self-employed electrician.

He had moved to Florida in 1968 from LaGrange County. He was a 1958 graduate of Wolcottville High School.

He was born Aug. 28, 1940, in Sturgis, Mich., to Roy Eugene Sr. and Hyacinth Lillian (Strayer) Stewart.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Deanna L. and Greg Flynn, Naples, Fla.; four sons and two daughters-in-law, David W. Stewart, Gotha, Fla., Dennis W. and Teresa Stewart, Avilla, Donald A. Stewart, Kissimmee, Fla., and Douglas A. and Kellie Stewart, Kendallville; 17 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; three sisters, Nina Presdorf, LaGrange, Betty Merriman Cockrum, Indianapolis, and Moynetta Anderson, Culver; and one brother, Paul R. Fuller, Schaumburg, Ill.

He was preceded in death by his mother and stepfather, Hyacinth L. and Moyne W. Fuller; his father, Roy E. Stewart Sr.; a son, Xavier Stewart; a grandson, Matthew Hausbach; a sister, Patricia Fuller; and two brothers, Roy E. "Butch" Stewart Jr. and Lorrell Fuller.

Services were held Nov. 19 at Park Ridge Baptist Church in Gotha, Fla.

Private family burial will be held at a later date.

Memorials are to ARC Opportunities, 0235 W. C.R. 300N, Howe, IN 46746.

THE NEWS SUN
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Patricia VanLeuven

AUBURN — Patricia E. VanLeuven, 58, of Auburn, died Saturday, November 26, 2011, at Saint Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis.

She was born September 22, 1953, in Newark, Ohio.

She was a member of New Beginning Church in Fort Wayne.

Survivors include her husband, Paul VanLeuven of Auburn; sons, Jonathan W. Wenning of Auburn and Jason M. Wenning of Celina, Ohio; her parents, Donald and Virginia Maharg of Celina; a granddaughter, Kayla Wenning; a great-granddaughter, Kinzie Doub; her brothers, Donald Maharg Jr. of Celina, Ohio, Richard Maharg of Celina, Ohio and Michael Maharg of Celina, Ohio; and her sisters, Brenda Stammen of Celina, Ohio, Barb Stallings of Florence, Ky., and Dorothy Buschur of Portland, Ind.

She was preceded in death by a brother, James Maharg.

Funeral services are Friday at 2 p.m. at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St,, Auburn.

Visitation will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and also one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.pinningtonmccomb.com.

Ernest Hanni Jr.

EDON, Ohio — Ernest LeRoy Hanni Jr., 37, died Thursday November 24, 2011 in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hanni was born on April 10, 1974, to Ernest LeRoy Hanni Sr. and Amy S. (Harris) Rice.

Ernest married Angela N. Griggs on April 16, 2011, in Decatur, Indiana.

He enjoyed collecting baseball cards and watching sports.

Survivors include his wife Angela, one son; Justin Rice of Edon, Ohio; three daughters, Catelin Rice, Kayla Rice and Deziray Hanni, all of Edon; his father, Ernest LeRoy Hanni Sr. of Tom Bean, Texas; his mother and stepfather, Amy and Steven Rice of Edon, Ohio; two brothers, Michael and his wife Jaime of Findlay, Ohio, and Steven Rice Jr. of Fremont; five sisters, Laura (Brad) Murry of Fort Wayne, Amy (Bill) Brisentine of Angola, Shelia (Edward) Maillard of Stroh, Misty Rice of Angola, and Alicia (Jim) Spurlin of Edon; and his maternal grandmother, Jane Harris of Edon.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Joshua Rice, and a sister, Brandy Rice.

Services will be Thursday, December 1, 2011, at 11 a.m. at the H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, 108 S. West St., Angola. Visitation will be on Wednesday, November 30, 2011, from 4-7 p.m. and 1 hour prior to services on Thurday.

Burial will be in Wright Cemetery, Stroh.

Memorials are to the family.

To sign the guest book or to leave condolences go to www.hejohnsonfh.

Adlyn Sciole

FORT WAYNE — Adlyn Sciole died Saturday, Nov. 26, 2011, at the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Visitation will be from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Fort Wayne.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at the church. Burial will be at Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Robert Spangler

WAIKOLOA, Hawaii — Robert Kent Spangler, 91, of Waikoloa died Oct. 12, 2011, in Waikoloa.

Memorial services were held Nov. 4 at Waikoloa Community Church.

A military ceremony will be held at a later date at Hawaii Veterans Memorial Cemetery near Kailua-Kona.

Memorials are to North Hawaii Hospice, 65-1328 Kawaihae Road, Kameula, HI 96743.

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Ricky Terry

WATERLOO — Ricky L. "Huck" Terry, 50, of Waterloo, Ind., died Monday, November 28, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Mr. Terry

In 1977, he moved from Stroh, Ind., to Fort Wayne, Ind., where he was a resident of Fort Wayne Developmental Center until moving to Waterloo in 2006.

Huck was a very loving son, brother, uncle, and friend. He loved his family, music and lawn mowers.

Huck was born on August 26, 1961, in LaGrange, Ind., to Randall and JoAnn (Haston) Terry. They both preceded him in death.

He is survived by a sister and brother-in-law, Regina and Jody Sizemore of LaGrange, Ind.; five brothers and four sisters-in-law, Roger Haston of Stroh, Ind., Randy and Karen Terry of Bowling Green, Ky., Robbie and Paula Terry and Rodney and Marilyn Terry, all of LaGrange, Ind., and Steven and Joey Ritchie of Angola, Ind.; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, December 1, 2011, at 5 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, Ind., with the Rev. Willie Collins officiating.

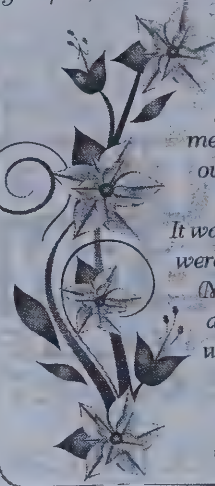
Visitation will be on Thursday from 1 p.m. until the service time at the funeral home.

Burial will be at a later date at Brushy Chapel Cemetery in rural LaGrange, Ind.

Memorials may be made to the family.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

It is difficult to find words to express how thankful we are for your expression of love to our family during the illness and passing of our wife, mother, grandmother and sister, Lucenia (Moore) Combs. Our families wish to convey our sincere appreciation for the prayers, meals prepared, comforting words, visits, flowers, cards and love shown to us by each and every one of you. A special thank you to Hospice, Noble LaGrange, Rev. Willie Collins, Rev. Buddy Jones and the Rev. Jim Snyder, 5 Corners Baptist Church, Community Baptist Church and Young Funeral Home. For the love, support, prayers, meals prepared and time you have given our family, we will forever be grateful.



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It was a comfort to us to know these details were in your hands. Our mother, Lucenica (Moore) Combs would be so very proud and grateful for all the love you shared with our family. We pray God will bless each and every one of you.

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With sincere thanks,
Rev. Leburn (Lee) Combs & family

Joan Sollazzo

MCHURUBUSCO — Joan R. Sollazzo, 75, of Churubusco died Sunday, Nov. 27, 2011, at the Kingston Care Center in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery, Churubusco.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Faith Lutheran Church in Churubusco, or Churubusco Veteran's of Foreign Wars Post 3846.

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James Teders

ANGOLA — James W. "Jim" Teders suddenly passed away on Sunday, November 27, 2011, at 10:33 a.m. at Jewish Hospital in Shepherdsville, Kentucky, while vacationing.

Mr. Teders

Jim was born on June 9, 1947, to Paul W. Teders and Eleanor (Marti) Harding. He attended St. Joseph Catholic School and Garrett High School, graduating in 1965. He then enlisted in the United States Air Force from 1965 to 1969, serving in Vietnam.

He grew up in Garrett and moved to Angola four years ago, coming from Alaska where he had lived since 1977. On February 19, 2001, he married Mary Forister in Fairbanks, Alaska. She survives in Angola.

Jim retired from the FAA as an air traffic controller, having worked from 1969 until his retirement in 2005. He received his pilot's license and was a 6 ton commercial boat captain.

He was a lifetime member of the American Legion Post 178, the VFW Post 1892, and the Disabled American Vets.

He was a member of the Moose Lodge in Fremont and the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #4341 in Crystal City, Missouri. He was an avid hunter, fisherman, traveler, and this past summer had taken up golf.

Jim leaves behind his loving wife, Mary; his adult children, Ed and Rayme Teders, Carla Applebee, and Tom and Jennifer Teders; his stepdaughters, Jennifer and Corey O'Meara and Melissa and Rick Duke; his wonderful grandchildren, Lily, Aydan, Lauren, Nile and Olivia Teders, Kyla and Chase Duke, and Craden and Porter O'Meara; his brothers, Gene (Leslie) Teders, Jerry (Mary) Teders and Max (Jenny) Teders; his sister and brother-in-law, Linda and Jim Curry, who became one of Jim's dearest friends; and his dear sweet mother, Eleanor Harding, and his stepfather, Robert Harding of Avilla.

He was preceded in death by his father, Paul Teders.

Visitation for Mr. Teders will be on Thursday evening from 5 to 8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

Funeral services for Mr. Teders will be on Friday, December 2, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. Tom Novy will officiate.

Cremation will take place and burial will be at a later date at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 43, 1610 N. Peters St., Garrett, IN 46738.

Go to brazzellfuneralhome.com to send online condolences.

Timothy Colbart

AUBURN — Timothy C. Colbart, 70, passed away Monday, Nov. 28, 2011.

Mr. Colbart was co-owner of Classic City Cakes in Auburn for 31 years.

He was U.S. Navy veteran.

He married Linda M. Phillips on Dec. 16, 1961, in Hickory Creek, N.C. She survives

He was preceded in death by a son, Mark Timothy Colbart, on January 20, 1965.

Surviving with his wife, Linda, are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Brett T. Colbart of Auburn and Douglas J. and Stacy Colbart of Kalamazoo, Michigan; and four grandchildren, Damon, MiKayla, Aidan and Ryan.

Private services will be held.

Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, in charge of arrangements.

Send condolences to www.dalejohnsonfh.com.

Donald Ward

ORLAND — Donald R. Ward, 57, of Orland died Monday, Nov. 28, 2011, at his residence.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the Pleasant Hill Missionary Church in Bronson, Mich.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church with pastors Don Matteson and Cory Weatherton officiating. Military rites will be performed by the American Legion Post #215.

Burial will be at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are to the Pleasant Hill Missionary Church, Bronson, Mich.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of the arrangements.

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Karen McAtee

HOWE — Karen M. (Lowrey) McAtee, 49, of Howe and formerly of Elkhart died Sunday, Nov. 27, 2011 at her mother's residence in Howe.

Visitation will be from noon to 1 p.m. on Saturday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, with a memorial service immediately following at 1 p.m. with the Rev. Andrea Bremmer of the Faith United Methodist Church, Elkhart, officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials are to the American Cancer Society or the Ribbon of Hope Cancer Support Ministry. 600 E. Blvd., Elkhart, IN 46514.

Betty Oser

AUBURN — Betty Jane Oser, 83, of Auburn died Monday, Nov. 21, 2011, at her daughter's home in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

A Mass of Christian burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, with the Msgr. John Kuzmich officiating. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, Auburn, with a Wake service at 7:30 p.m. There will also be visitation from 9:30- 0:30 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the ACD Museum, Alzheimer's Association or the St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church.

. A full obituary will appear in the Thursday edition.

Larry Harris

CROMWELL — Larry G. Harris, 68, of Cromwell and formerly of North Webster died Monday, Nov. 28, 2011, at his home.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Saturdayat the Owen Family Funeral Home in North Webster. Burial will be in North Webster Cemetery (Mock Addition) at a later date.

Memorials are to Kosciusko Home Health Care & Hospice, P.O. Box 1196, Warsaw, IN 46581. E

Eric Mast

TOPEKA — Eric Jon Mast, son of Earl and Esther (Lambright) Mast of Topeka, was stillborn Monday, Nov. 28, 2011, at IU Health Goshen Hospital.

Private graveside services were held Tuesday in Honeyville Cemetery in Topeka.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, was in charge of arrangements.

James Hefty

AUBURN — James L Hefty, 62, of Auburn died Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2011. at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Feller and Clark Funeral Home in Auburn.

Gary Carney

LAGRANGE — Gary M. Carney, 63, of LaGrange died Monday, Nov. 28, 2011, at Parkview Main Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Visitation will be from 2 to 3 p.m. Friday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Friday with the Pastor Ken Weaver officiating.

Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange at a later date.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of the arrangements.

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Joseph M. Emerson, 32

Joseph Mansfield Emerson, 32, of Rome City died Saturday, November 26, 2011, at 2:10 a.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville following a 3 1/2 month illness.

He graduated from East Noble High School in 1998, where he was active in theater. He was a 2002 graduate of Ball State Honors College in Muncie.

Joe lived and worked in Los Angeles for four years and returned to Rome City to work on the family farm.

He was born October 27, 1979, in Angola to Lawrence E. and Sue Ann (Stump) Emerson. His parents survive in Rome City.

Also surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Laura and Bruce Slusher of Swanton, Ohio; a brother and sister-in-law, Dr. Robert Emerson and Dr. Anne-Marie Monty of Carmel; and two nephews, Martin L. Emerson and George D. Emerson both of Carmel.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Allen and Thelma (Myers) Emerson and Raymond and Mary Kathryn (Mahnesmith) Stump; and an infant brother, David Emerson in 1975.

A memorial service was held Wednesday, November 30, 2011, in the Rome City United Methodist Church with Pastor Barbara Cross and Pastor Mike McKinney officiating. Burial will be at a later date in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Preferred memorials are to the Rome City United Methodist Church or the Rome City Lions Scholarship Fund.

Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, State Road 9 North, Wolcottville is assisting the family with arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

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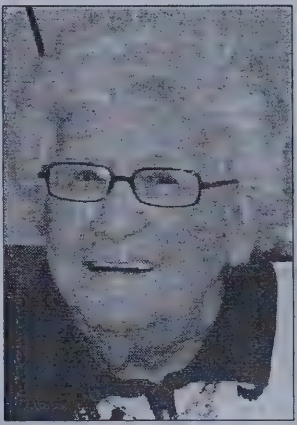
Mary M. Becker, 92



Mary Marie Becker, age 92, of Kendallville died on Saturday, November 26, 2011 at Lutheran Life Villages, Kendallville.

Mrs. Becker was born in Wawaka, Indiana on June 15, 1919 to the late Charles and Lulu (Ritter) Hoover.

She married Henry Allen Becker on March 8, 1941 in Columbia City, Indiana. He preceded her death May 16, 2002.

Mary was a homemaker and member of the First Presbyterian Church in Kendallville.

Survivors include sons, Terry and Katie Becker of The Villages, Florida, Jerry and Susan Becker of Kendallville; daughters, Carol Steeg of Fort Wayne, Pam and Dirk Renkenberger of Kendallville; 11 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren; sister, Evelyn Kitchen of Kendallville.

Funeral services were Wednesday, November 30, 2011 at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Dr. Leonard King.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Preferred memorials may be made to Noble County Humane Shelter or Lutheran Life Villages.

Casket bearers were her grandsons, Kevin Becker, Jay Becker, Chad Becker, Kenneth Steeg, Josh Molen, and Ian Molen.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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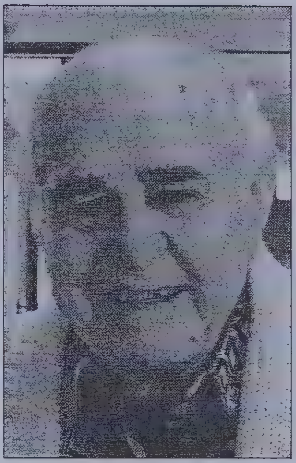
Wayne Brockett, 93



Wayne Brockett passed away Tuesday, November 22, 2011 at the age of 93 in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

He was born to Grace and Howard Brockett on September 16, 1918 in Mt. Carmel, Illinois. He served in the army during World War II and worked at the United States Post Office until retirement.

Before returning to Ft. Wayne six months ago, he lived in Syracuse, Indiana and Naples, Florida.

Preceding him in death was his wife of 66 years, Alice Brockett, and a brother Ronald Brockett.

Surviving are two daughters, Cynthia (Thomas) Herald of Syracuse, IN and Beverly (Gary) Smith of Champaign, IL; four grandchildren, Brent Herald, Nicole (Jeff) Dyson, Sean Smith and Stuart Smith; five great-grandchildren; a sister, Thelma Meriwether of Lakeland, FL and a nephew, David Brockett of Ligonier, IN.

A cremation committal will take place at Legacy Cremation & Remembrance Center in Ligonier. A private family celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Parkview Foundation, 2200 Randallia Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46805

The Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com

Lynnette K. Funk, 39

Lynnette Kae Funk, age 39, of Wawaka, IN passed away Saturday November 26, 2011at 1:55 PM following a courageous battle with breast cancer. She was born on January 2, 1972 in Goshen, IN to Terry and Donna Funk.

Lynnette graduated from West Noble in 1990 and had recently worked at Union Products in Cromwell.

She is survived by two sons, Kristopher Funk and Kyran Franks of Ligonier; her parents, Terry Funk of Wawaka and Donna Funk of Ligonier; two sisters, Lisa (Steven) Hartsough of Albion, Kandi (Richard) Click of Cromwell; 2 nieces, Baylee and Kacee Click of Cromwell.

A memorial gathering was held on Tuesday November 29, 2011 at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN 46767. A private cremation committal took place at Legacy Cremation & Remembrance Center in Ligonier. Memorial Contributions may be directed to the family in care of Yeager Funeral Home.

Yeager Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

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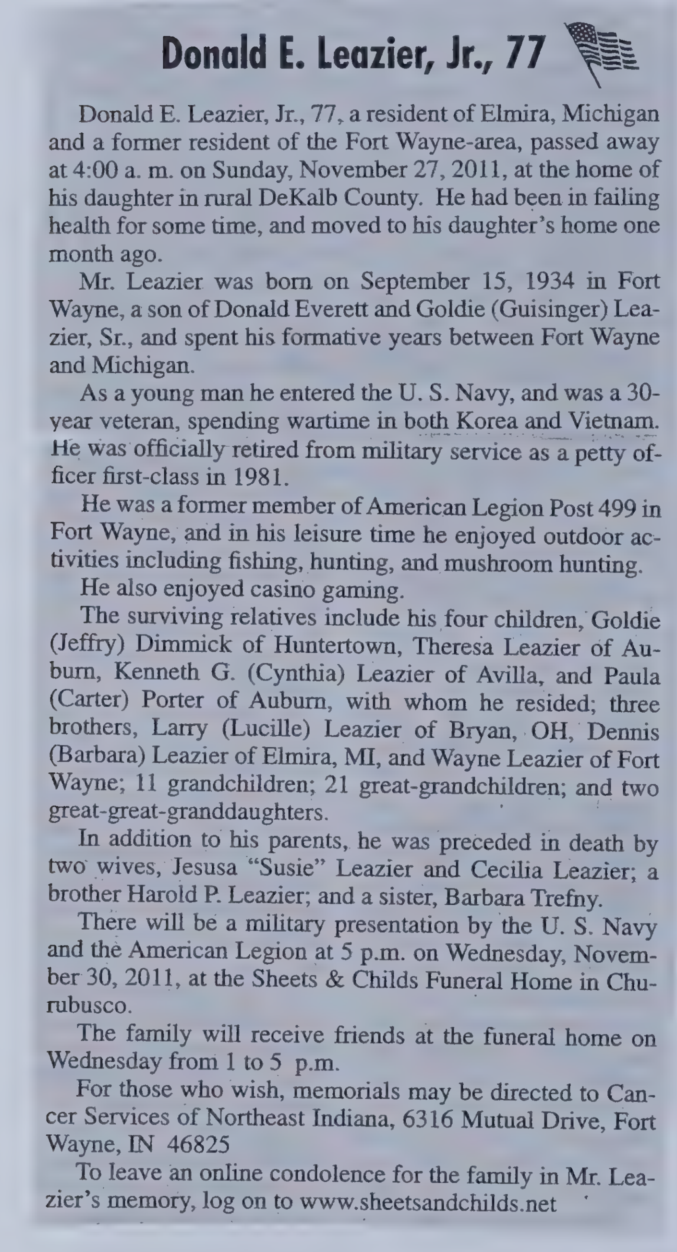

Donald E. Leazier, Jr., 77

Donald E. Leazier, Jr., 77, a resident of Elmira, Michigan and a former resident of the Fort Wayne-area, passed away at 4:00 a. m. on Sunday, November 27, 2011, at the home of his daughter in rural DeKalb County. He had been in failing health for some time, and moved to his daughter's home one month ago.

Mr. Leazier was born on September 15, 1934 in Fort Wayne, a son of Donald Everett and Goldie (Guisinger) Leazier, Sr., and spent his formative years between Fort Wayne and Michigan.

As a young man he entered the U. S. Navy, and was a 30-year veteran, spending wartime in both Korea and Vietnam. He was officially retired from military service as a petty officer first-class in 1981.

He was a former member of American Legion Post 499 in Fort Wayne, and in his leisure time he enjoyed outdoor activities including fishing, hunting, and mushroom hunting.

He also enjoyed casino gaming.

The surviving relatives include his four children, Goldie (Jeffry) Dimmick of Huntertown, Theresa Leazier of Auburn, Kenneth G. (Cynthia) Leazier of Avilla, and Paula (Carter) Porter of Auburn, with whom he resided; three brothers, Larry (Lucille) Leazier of Bryan, OH, Dennis (Barbara) Leazier of Elmira, MI, and Wayne Leazier of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-granddaughters.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two wives, Jesusa "Susie" Leazier and Cecilia Leazier; a brother Harold P. Leazier; and a sister, Barbara Trefny.

There will be a military presentation by the U. S. Navy and the American Legion at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 30, 2011, at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Wednesday from 1 to 5 p.m.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana, 6316 Mutual Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46825

To leave an online condolence for the family in Mr. Leazier's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net

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James Hefty

AUBURN — James L. Hefty, 62, of Auburn died Tuesday, November 29, 2011, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Hefty

Jim was born October 1, 1949, in Auburn to Raymond and Dorothy (Cattell) Hefty. They both survive in Auburn.

He was an insurance agent for State Farm Insurance of Auburn for 34 years. He was also CEO of J.H. Environmental.

He was a U.S. Army Vietnam veteran.

Jim was a 1967 graduate of Auburn High School, a lifetime member of the Auburn American Legion Post 97, and the Auburn Chamber of Commerce.

Jim was actively involved in a number of community activities.

He married Carrie Ellen Hippensteel on December 9, 1984, in Lake Tahoe, Nev., and she survives.

He is also survived by four sons, Matthew (Chris) Franks of Auburn, Morgan (Becky) Hefty of Garrett, Myles (Jackie) Hefty of Auburn and Jamie Hefty of Indianapolis. There are seven grandchildren, Kylie Franks, Chloe Franks, Paxton Hefty, Calder Hefty, Dawson Hefty, Wyatt Hefty and Lucy Hefty. A sister, Joyce (Jack) Hefty Covell of Auburn and a brother Tom (Frankie) Hefty of Auburn, also survive.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, December 3, 2011, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Randy Stine officiating.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling is Friday from 2 to 8 p.m. and also Saturday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to Disabled American Veterans, Quite Knights or DeKalb County Humane Society.

To send condolences visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Elizabeth Robinson

FORT WAYNE — Elizabeth A. Robinson, 88, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2011, at University Park Nursing Home in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Sunday in the Forest Park United Methodist Church, 2100 Kentucky Ave., Fort Wayne.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Saturday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and one hour prior to the service at the church Sunday. Star of the East Order of the Eastern Star 514 will conduct memorial services at 6 p m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Interment will be in the Eel River Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Forest Park United Methodist Church.

Jack Severyns

GROVELAND, Fla. — Jack L. Severyns, 70, died Nov. 18, 2011, at his home in Groveland due to heart-related issues.

Mr. Severyns

Mr. Severyns had resided at Jimmerson Lake for 23 years prior to moving to Florida.

He had been employed at Hendrickson Manufacturing Co. in Lyons, Ill., from 1959 until being transferred in 1983 to Hendrickson Suspension in Butler and Kendallville. He retired from a management position with Hendrickson in September 2006 with 47 years of service.

Mr. Severyns was a 1959 graduate of Taft High School in Chicago.

He was born Jan. 7, 1941, in Chicago to Leon James and Adella Augusta (Zinkel) Severyns. He married Judith Grace LeFils on June 15, 1963, in Chicago. She survives in Groveland.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Joan L. and Edward Bajda of Lombard, Ill., and Karen S. and Ken Carpenter of Bronson, Mich.; a son and daughter-in-law, James L. and Terri Severyns of Auburn; a sister, Pauline S. Brunke of Warrenville, Ill.; and 11 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Mr. Severyns was cremated. Cremation Choices in Minneola, Fla., is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society.

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E.R. Hile

HAMILTON — E. R. "Tony" Hile, 86, of Hamilton died Wednesday, November 30, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hile

He was born in Fort Wayne on November 4, 1925, to Homer I. and Winifred (Somers) Hile. His parents have both passed away.

Tony was a supervisor at Dana Corporation in Fort Wayne for 40 years, retiring on June 1, 1987.

He was a member of St. Michaels Catholic Church in Waterloo.

He was a Seaman 2nd Class in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He was Past Commander of the American Legion Post #47 in Fort Wayne.

Tony was on the Board of Directors of the Fort Financial Credit Union for 55 years. He was a former president of the Indiana State Credit Union League and held several offices for credit union organizations. He served on the NCUA Indiana Political Action and was a National Director for INDICORP.

He was a director of Hamilton Lake Association and a member of Hamilton Fish and Game Club, Hamilton Lions Club and Auburn Elks.

Tony married Henrietta Brokamp on June 24, 1950, in the chapel at the Fort Wayne Cathedral and she survives.

He is also survived by a son and three daughters, Vicki A. Messman of Fort Wayne, Randall E. Hile of Hamilton, Angela S. (Grover) Wheeler of New Haven and Amy L. (Julie Ann Houser) Hile of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren, Joshua Messman, Carly (Justin) Craker, Sara (Rob) McInturf, Emily (Brian) Boyer, Kristian (Carlie) Mutzfeld, Eric (Angie) Mutzfeld, and Lindsay Wheeler; two stepgrandchildren, Matt (Miranda) Wheeler and Gail (Jeff) Rosen; five great-grandchildren; and two stepgreat-grandchildren; and a sister and a brother, Eileen (Wayne) Beer of Fort Wayne, and Leo (RuthAnn) Hile of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Lucille Tappy and Dorothy Gibson.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday, December 3, 2011, at 10 a.m. at St. Michaels Catholic Church, 1098 C.R. 39, Waterloo, Ind., with Father David Carkenord officiating. Burial will be in St. Michaels Catholic Cemetery, Waterloo.

Calling is Friday from 2 until 8 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and also one hour prior to the service at the church Saturday from 9 to 10 a.m.

A Rosary will be recited at 6 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials can be directed to St. Michaels Catholic Church or Parkview Hospice. To send condolences visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Tom Sanders

CHURUBUSCO — Tom L. Sanders, 79, of Churubusco died Sunday, Nov. 27, 2011, at Kingston at Dupont in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Believer's Bible Fellowship in Churubusco. Burial will be in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and one hour prior to the service Saturday at the church. Churubusco Lodge 515 F&AM will conduct memorial services at 8 p.

Teresa Daugherty

FREMONT — Teresa E. Daugherty, 77, of Fremont died Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2011, at her home.

Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola.

Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. Monday prior to the service and from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the Weicht Funeral Home in Angola. A prayer service will be held at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

A full obituary will appear in Friday's edition.

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Phyllis Goodwin

ANGOLA — Phyllis Lee Goodwin, age 88, of Angola, Ind., died November 27, 2011, at 10:54 p.m. at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital with family by her side.

Mrs. Goodwin

She was born on November 20, 1923, in Sperry, Okla. She met and married Maurice Edward LeBlanc on Valentine's Day 1944. They had four children together before divorcing in 1962. She then married Delette (Red) Goodwin on July 25, 1976.

Phyllis worked for 25 years in the aerospace industry until moving to northeast Indiana in 1994.

Phyllis lived in LaGrange County for 14 years. She worked for the Chamber of Commerce, Council On Aging, and retired at the age of 84 from Vistula Head Start where she worked at the front desk.

She was always volunteering for county events such as 4-H and Corn School. Phyllis was chosen to represent LaGrange County as the Older Hoosier of the Year 2002. The award is the highest honor bestowed on an older person by the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration. The purpose of the award is to recognize outstanding Hoosiers for their lifetime of services to the communities in which they live and to encourage older persons to participate in community endeavors.

In February 2007, Phyllis moved to Steuben County to live with her daughter, Marti Rich.

She is survived by her daughters, Marti (Marsha) Rich of Angola, Ind., and Maurine Wilson of Palmdale, Calif.; a son, Maurice LeBlanc of Sneedsville, Tenn.; her grandchildren, David Young and Leanne Pasztor, both of Fort Wayne, Ind., Franklin and Bambi Pasztor and Joseph and Mesha Pasztor, both of Kendallville, Ind., Steven and Angela LeBlanc of Atlanta, Ga., and Jessie Wilson of Palmdale, Calif.; 18 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her daughter, Sharren Haggard of Howe, Ind.

A memorial service is planned for Phyllis on Wednesday, December 7, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Fairview Missionary Church in Angola, Ind., with the Rev. Norman Fuller officiating. Lunch will be served following the service.

The family has asked that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 50 E. 91st St., Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46209 or by phone at 800-272-3900 in the name of Phyllis Lee Goodwin.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

You may sign the guestbook at www.weichtfh.com.

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Tami Etheridge

HUNTERTOWN — Tami Lynne Etheridge, 49, died Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2011, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

She lived all her life in the Huntertown area.

Miss Etheridge

Miss Etheridge graduated from Park Hill School in 1981. She was in the Easter Seal ARC program until 2008 when she had a massive stroke and went to live at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

She is survived by her mother, Mary Etheridge of Huntertown; her sisters, Kathy Etheridge and Sherry (Pat) Shaw of Huntertown; and her brother, Steve (Pam) Etheridge of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by her father, Kirk Etheridge.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Huntertown United Methodist Church with the Rev. Greg Hiatt officiating. Burial will follow in Huntertown Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 9-11 a.m. prior to the service.

Memorials are to Huntertown United Methodist Church, Easter Seals ARC or Provena Sacred Heart Home.

Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is in charge of arrangements.

To send a condolence or to sign the online guestbook visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

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m. Friday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Memorials are to Believer's Bible Fellowship, the Alzheimer's Association, or Family Hospice & Palliative Care in Berne.

Betty Oser

AUBURN — Betty Jane Oser, 83, of Auburn died Monday, November 21, 2011, at her daughter's home in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Mrs. Oser was a homemaker. Her greatest enjoyment was being surrounded by friends and family.

Mrs. Oser

She was a member of St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Fort Wayne.

She was also a member of the American Legion Auxiliary; Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge in Angola; a life member of the ACD Museum in Auburn; and the National ACD Classic Car Club.

She was born April 7, 1928, in Fort Wayne, to Richard E. and Julia M. (Didion) Walker.

She married Leo M. "Bud" Oser on Nov. 27, 1962, in Tipton, Georgia. He preceded her in death on May 13, 2006.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, M. Dennis and Jean Oser of Fort Wayne, Steven R. and Lynette Oser of Broomfield, Colo., and Patrick M. and Deborah Oser of Ankeny, Iowa; three daughters and sons-in-law, Sally L. and William Schaab of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Nancy A. Wyngaard of Madison, Wis., and Julia K. and Ben Watson of West Branch, Mich.; a sister, Dorothy Weitz of Elkhart; 14 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; a son, K. Michael Erb; a great-grandson, Tyler Nathan Toll; and a son-in-law, Michael Wyngaard.

A Mass of Christian burial will be at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011, at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, with the Msgr. John Kuzmich officiating. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday Dec. 2, 2011, at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, Auburn, with a wake service being held at 7:30 p.m. There will also be visitation from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials may be directed to the ACD Museum, Alzheimer's Association or the St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

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Mark Munk

KENDALLVILLE — Mark Allen Munk, age 89, of Kendallville died on Thursday, December 1, 2011, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville, Indiana.

Mr. Munk

A lifetime resident, Mr. Munk was born in Kendallville on August 19, 1922, to the late Mandel Alva and Deborah Beryl (Hague) Munk.

He graduated from Rome City High School in 1940 and married Wanda Mae Stoneburner on June 20, 1959, at the farm house.

Mark was a lifetime farmer. He was also a large equipment operator and was employed with Hipskin, Reith & Riley and Mollering Construction. He retired in 1998 from Brooks Construction.

He loved spending time with all of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mark was an avid sports fan and he loved playing golf and ice fishing.

He was a member of the Wayne Center United Methodist Church north of Kendallville where he enjoyed singing solos for the worship services.

Mark was active in his community. He was a member and past Master of the Free and Accepted Masonic Lodge and the Scottish Rite and Mizpah Shriners of Fort Wayne.

He was a past member and office holder of the Brimfield Lions Club. He also held offices with Indiana Lions Club.

Mark was a charter member and officer of the Hoosier Kountry Kamping Klub.

He also was a member of the Operators Engineers Union, Local #103, Fort Wayne.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Wanda Munk of Kendallville; a son, Craig and Karen Munk of Kendallville; three daughters, Beckie and Roger Longyear of Kendallville, Bonnie Kimmell of Kendallville and Brenda and Jeff Harman of St. Peters, Missouri; nine grandchildren, Leslie (John) Wechter of Ligonier, Aren (Steve) Straiger of Carmel, Stacey (Chad) DeLong of Ligonier, Laura (Laramy) Freed of Kendallville, Meagan (Dominic) King of St. Charles, Missouri, Ryan Longyear of Kendallville, Amanda (Brett) Warner of Kendallville, and Justin Harman and Kyle Harman, both of St. Peters; 13 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Marceda Hosted of Kendallville.

He was also preceded in death by a granddaughter, Tiffany Munk, in 1970, and his brother-in-law, Gerald "Hop" Hosted.

Visitation will be today, Friday, December 2, 2011, from 4-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

There will be Masonic services at 8 p.m. conducted by members of the F&AM Kendallville Lodge #276.

Funeral services will be Saturday, December 3, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Sherrie Long.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Preferred memorials may be made to Wayne Center United Methodist Church.

Casketbearers will be Steve Straiger, Ryan Longyear, Justin Harman, Kyle Harman, Bill Hosted and Ryan Stoneburner.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Mark by today at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Ida Lambright

TOPEKA — Ida Lambright, 83, of Topeka, died at 2:45 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 1, 2011 at her residence.

Visitation will be after 1 p.m. on Friday and all day Saturday at the family's residence, 6405 W. C.R. 550S, Topeka. Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday at the Darian Gingerich Residence, 5505 S. C.R. 675W, Topeka. Services will be conducted by Bishop David Miller and the home ministers. Burial will be in Hawpatch Cemetery, Topeka.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

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Teresa Daugherty

FREMONT — Teresa Daugherty of Fremont, Ind., passed away at the age of 77 on November 30, 2011, in the comfort of her home.

Mrs. Daugherty

She was born August 31, 1934, to Herb Bobay and Esther (Parker) Bobay in Fort Wayne, Ind., who have both preceded her in death.

After earning a nursing degree through St. Joseph's nursing program in Fort Wayne, she married Richard (Red) Daugherty on May 5, 1956.

Teresa spent 55 years of her life as a compassionate and devoted wife, and a caring mother who raised nine children.

She is survived by her loving husband, Dick (Red) Daugherty; her children, Mike (Tina) Daugherty, Den (Lynn) Daugherty, Peggy (Jim) Sweeney, Colleen Daugherty, Tim (Tracy) Daugherty, Ellen (John) Haifley, Kathy (Tim) Goheen, Sueann (David) Mitchell and Casey (Marsha) Daugherty; her only brother, Ed (Maryann) Bobay; as well as 25 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Teresa was passionate about life and family as well as her community. She actively involved herself as a volunteer within the different communities she moved to throughout her life including organizations such as Matthew 25 (Fort Wayne, Ind.) Spring Lake Hospice (Spring Lake, Mich,) and Cameron Hospital (Angola, Ind).

Her honesty, tender heart, sense of humor and loving devotion to her family will be remembered by all that knew her. She shared an intensely deep and unshakable love with her husband Dick Daugherty, that was a joy for others to experience. She has touched many lives and will be profoundly missed.

Visitation services will be held at Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola, Ind., on Sunday, December 4, from 2 to 4 p.m. and then again from 6 to 8 p.m., with a 7:30 p.m. prayer service.

Funeral services will take place at 11 a.m. on Monday, December 5, at St. Anthony-Padua Catholic Church in Angola, Ind. Family will receive friends for a final visitation/showing at St. Anthony church from 10 a.m. until the funeral Mass begins at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Teresa's honor may be made to Parkview Home Health and Hospice (parkviewfoundation.com) or Cancer Services of North East Indiana (cancer-services.org).

You may sign the guestbook at www.weichtfh.com.

The arrangements are being handled by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, Indiana.

Lois Garman

WOLCOTTVILLE — Lois L. Garman, 64, of Wolcottville died Thursday, December 1, 2011, at DeKalb Health in Auburn.

She was born in Kendallville on June 28, 1947, to Verl R. and Letha L. (Weisz) Provines. They have both passed away.

Lois was office manager at Helena Chemical Company in Craigville, Ind., for 18 years before retiring in 2008.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Wolcottville.

Lois married Thomas J. Garman on November 10, 1978 in Butler and he survives.

She is also survived by two daughters and a son, Amy Jo (Jody) Ewers of Wolcottville, Mitchell E. (Candy) Keller of Ossian, and Jennifer Rae (Kevin) Gray of Roanoke; a sister, Mary C. (Pat) Crow of Spencerville; and three grandchildren, Carter W. Gray, Addison J. Keller and Ethan M. Keller.

She was preceded in death by her parents and first husband, Cleo "Butch" Keller in 1977.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, December 5, 2011, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery, Waterloo.

Calling is from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to Northeastern Cancer Services of Fort Wayne or DeKalb Home Health and Hospice.

To send condolences visit www.fellerandclark.com.

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Lillian Privett

ALAMO, Tenn. — Mrs. Lillian Worrell Privett, age 83, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on November 29, 2011, at the Crockett County Nursing Home in Alamo after a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Privett

Lillian Cornell Burnett was born on September 16, 1928, in St. Petersburg, Fla. She was the only child of Dallas Bradford and Opha English Burnett.

Mrs. Privett was a lifelong resident of the Cairo community and a member of the Cairo Baptist Church, where she taught Sunday school for many years.

She was retired from the Kellwood Company and was a homemaker, and very active in community activities.

In 1945, she married Carl Wayne Worrell. He preceded her in death in 1988. Later, she married Byron Privett, and he preceded her in death in 2005.

Mrs. Privett leaves her three children, Karen (Ken) Shelton of Angola, Ind., Carol Worrell of Pleasant Lake, Ind., and Herbert (Ginger) Worrell of Alamo, Tenn. She had four grandchildren, Scott (Kathy) Gilliland of Alamo, Tina (Pete) Stemen of Sturgis, Mich., and Christan and Emily Worrell of Alamo; and four great-grandchildren, Brittany and Brooke Gilliland of Alamo, and Hannah and Austin Stemen of Sturgis, Mich.

Visitation was on Wednesday, November 30, 2011, from 5-8 p.m., at Ronk Funeral Home in Alamo.

Funeral services were be held at Cairo Baptist on Thursday, December 1, 2011, at 2 p.m., with Pastor Bill Robbins officiating. Burial followed at the Cairo Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the Angola area family members request memorials to the Gideons.

Melinda Arney

ANGOLA — Melinda Larimore Arney, 67, of Angola died Thursday, November 22, 2011, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Arney

Mrs. Arney had endured three successful battles against breast cancer and died due to complications brought upon by brain cancer.

She had attended the University of Missouri and numerous community colleges.

She was proud of her years spent working as a graphic artist for Hallmark cards.

Mrs. Arney loved her family, friends, food and going to garage sales. Her aspiration was to go back to college to beocme a teacher. She longed to move back to her warm and sunny San Diego. Her dream was to see England again.

Her mother was Ann Nahirna. She never knew her father.

Surviving are a daughter Wendy, a daughter-in-heart, Jill, a son-in-heart, Eddie; and four granddaughters.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Tom; an aunt, Vivian; and her first husband who was her best friend, H.G.H.

"You are so terribly missed. You have left a huge hole in our hearts and in our lives. We were a comedy act, you and I, and I'm frequently reminded of how hilarious we were together. Without my partner, Mom, what will I do?"

Brokenhearted are her granddaughters, Holly, 12, Sierrah, 10, Nina, 8, and Lori "Ugi Boo," 2.

Cremation has taken place.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, December 10,, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Fairview Missionary Church, 525 E. C.R. 200N, Angola.

Frances Mansfield

ANGOLA — Frances E. Mansfield, 90, of Angola died Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2011, in her home.

Services are pending at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

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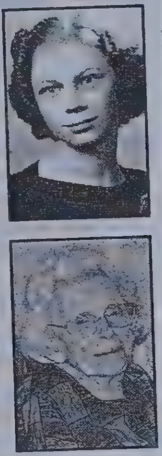
Frances Mansfield

ANGOLA — Frances E. Mansfield, 90, of Angola, Indiana, died at her home on Wednesday, November 30, 2011.



Mrs. Mansfield

Mrs. Mansfield was a native of Hicksville, Ohio. She graduated from Hicksville High School in 1939.

During World War II, she worked at General Electric in Fort Wayne, Indiana, soldering electrical harnesses for B17s. She also worked at Excello Corp. in Angola, Indiana, and was a homemaker in her own home.

Mrs. Mansfield was an excellent seamstress and cook. She loved to garden and interior decorating.

She was a member of the Hicksville Church of Christ in Hicksville, Ohio, the Angola American Legion Auxiliary Post 31 and Angola Women of the Moose.

Mrs. Mansfield had been a 4-H leader.

She was born August 5, 1921, in Hicksville to Charles Adrian and Helen Ila (Frease) Swager. She married Henry Mansfield on July 23, 1944. He preceded her in death on December 1, 1965.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Peggy and Pete Yarger of Hamilton, Ind.; two grandchildren, Lori and Craig McDowell and Monte and Lyndra Yarger; and five great-grandchildren, Kyle McDowell, Kate McDowell, Karsyn McDowell, Chelsea Yarger and Rachel Yarger.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Florence Scott.

Visitation will be from 3-7 p.m. Monday, December 5, 2011, at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, Ind..

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, December 6, 2011, at the funeral home. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery in Hicksville, Ohio.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Humane Society in Angola, Ind.

Donna Benner

AUBURN — Donna Jean Benner, 80, of Auburn died on Thursday, December 2, 2011, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Garrett.

She was born October 15, 1931, in Auburn to R.D. and Eunice (Rufner) Parker. She married Gale W. Benner on October 15, 1949, in Auburn and he died in April 1998.

Donna had worked at Messenger Corporation in Auburn for nine years and then later owned and operated with her husband, Country Corner Crafts in Auburn in the early 1990s.

She was a member of the Auburn United Methodist Church.

She is survived by three sons; Victor Gale Benner of Auburn, Bradford (Loretta) Benner of Columbia City and Michael (Catherine) Benner of Bloomington, Minn.; five granddaughters, April Hutchinson and Rachel and Melanie Benner, all of Littleton, Colo., Megan Benner of Auburn and Jordan Benner of Minneapolis, Minn.; two grandsons, Steven "Scooter" Benner of Denton, Texas, and Johnathon Benner of Minneapolis, Minn.; and two great-grandchildren of Littleton, Colo.

Also surviving are two sisters, Frankie Bennett of Largo, Fla., and Bobbie Hicks of Kendallville.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Roderick Benner; a brother, Fayette Parker; and two sisters, Nancy Panning and Dottie Perry.

A memorial service will be held in June when the flowers are in bloom.

Memorials are to Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home Activities Department.

Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett is in charge of arrangements.

To send a condolence or to sign the online guestbook visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

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Donna Frederick

AUBURN — Donna J. (Wappes) Fredrick, 49, of Auburn, died Friday December 2, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born on May 10, 1962, in Auburn, the daughter of Max and Erma (Muzzillo) Wappes.

She was a graduate of DeKalb High School and enjoyed sewing and art.

She was employed at McDonald's in Auburn.

Survivors include her husband, Lanny Fredrick of Auburn; a son, Nathan Fredrick of Auburn; a daughter, Alyssa Fredrick of Auburn; a granddaughter, Naysha Fredrick of Auburn; her mother, Erma Wappes of Auburn; a brother Mark Wappes and his companion Dana Robbins of Auburn; a sister and brother-in-law, Kathy and Dennis Arnold of Auburn; and several nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Max Wappes.

Funeral service will be Tuesday 10:30 a.m. at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with the Rev. Derrick Sneyd officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home and one hour prior to the service Tuesday.

Memorials are to the family.

To sign the online guest book or to leave a condolence, visit www.pinnington mccomb.com.

Ruth Strater

ALBION — Ruth Jean Strater, 84, of Albion died Thursday, Dec. 1, 2011, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Visitation will be from 3-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Bed-N-Biscuit Boarding Kennels in Albion or the Noble County Humane Society.

Ida Lambright

TOPEKA — Ida Lambright, 83, of Topeka died Thursday, Dec. 1, 2011, at her residence.

Visitation will be all day Saturday at the family's residence, 6405 W. C.R. 550S, Topeka.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Sunday at the Darian Gingerich Residence, 5505 S. C.R. 675W, Topeka. Burial will be in Hawpatch Cemetery, Topeka.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Dale Goings

AUBURN — Dale E. Goings, 76, of Auburn died Friday, Dec. 2, 2011, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Services are at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial is in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling is 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Monday and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the New Hope Christian Center or Shop with a Cop.

Larry Ernest

AUBURN — Larry L. Ernest, 74, died Thursday, December 1, 2011, at his home in Auburn.

He was born December 30, 1939, in Auburn to Wilber and Bonnie (Jimison) Ernest. They have both passed away.

Larry worked for Auburn Gear for 46 years retiring in 2005.

He was a member of Birds Unlimited and UAW.

He married Karon Cartwright on January 27, 1968, in St. Marks Lutheran Church in Auburn and she survives.

He is also survived by a son, Shannon Ernest of Corunna; three grandchildren, Tonya Coleman, Sonya Coleman and David Ernest; a brother, Jim Ernest of Auburn; and a nephew and a niece, Jimmy Ernest of Warsaw and Lisa Ernest of Ashley.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, December 5, 2011, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Burial in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 until 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to SPCA.

To send condolences visit www.fellerandclark.com.

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Charlie Elsner was 'a true teacher'

Albion native loved his family

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ALBION — Loving husband, father, grandfather, carpenter, teacher, U.S. Air Force veteran and Albion town government and township official for more than 30 years — Charles "Charlie" Eiser lived a wonderful, fulfilling life.

"We lost a good man," said Pastor Brett Frymier of the Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion.

Mr. Elser, 82, died Nov. 17.

The 1946 graduate of Albion-Jefferson High School married the love of his life, Marjorie Parker, on Nov. 13, 1954, in the church. They raised four children and have nine grandchildren, including triplets.

"Dad was always proud of his kids. When he came in contact with someone he had not seen in a while, they had to hear about them. Then he would get started on the grandkids," said his daughter, Leisa Patrick. He liked to make phone calls to his kids to get caught up on whatever was going on their lives and would end the conversations with "Hey, love ya both" or "Love ya all."

Daughter-in-law Tammy Elser recalled the time Charlie and Marjorie volunteered to keep her 9-month-old triplets for a week. "When we came home from a trip to Arizona, Charlie had videotaped the kitchen table covered in empty, washed baby food jars," she said. "He couldn't believe that in a week, the triplets had eaten over 120 jars of baby food."

His son, Brian, remembered his father fixing his bike, so he could do his paper route, when he really needed to be doing other things. When he was older, Brian noticed how much his father was interested in his kids and grandkids.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Charles "Charlie" Elser and his wife, Majorie, are joined by their grandchildren in this family photo.

"He was proud of us all," he said.

Mr. Elser used his carpentry skills to help his children with projects around their homes. He was known as a perfectionist. Son-in-law Matt Keister welcomed Charlie's help but sometimes wondered if anything was getting done, because his father-in-

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law would end up spending more time with the grandkids than on the house. He said he learned from Charlie there is joy in completing a job, but a whole lot more joy to be found on the journey there if time is taken to see it.

Daughter Laurie said her father built the stairway in her house and did the "yucky jobs" like taking the recycling materials, cleaning out the recycling bins and cleaning under their refrigerator.

"He came to my rescue lots and lots of times," she said.

Mr. Elser was the Central Noble High School building trades instructor and influenced the lives of hundreds of young people. Former student Scott Pounds remembered Mr. Elser making him redo and redo things until they were just right. When the class was putting the finishing touches on a building trades house, Mr. Elser would ask before he looked at it if it suited them. When he looked, it didn't suit him.

"Charlie always wanted perfection," said Pounds. "He taught us respect, and to never say we can't do it. A lot of people are educators, but he was a true teacher."

Patrick recalled how her father liked sharing stories about the kids in his building trades classes. Charlie was proud when any one of them pursued a building trade after high school.

Mr. Elser was a sergeant in the U.S. Air Force from 1946 to 1949, a 50-year member of the Albion Masonic Lodge F&AM No. 97 and Albion American Legion Post 246 and enjoyed Purdue basketball.

"Sometimes he would get so nervous listening to a close game, he would pace around the kitchen table," said Patrick.

The lifetime Noble County resident was active in the Albion community. He served on the Albion Plan Commission and Zoning Board and on the Albion Township Advisory Board for 32 years.

When his grandchildren were asked what they will remember about their grandfather, they mentioned the way he loved them. They said he did whatever he could to make them happy, adding, "He always told us that Grandma spoiled us too much, but the truth is he was just as much the culprit as she was."

Regina Frazier

FORT WAYNE — Regina Frazier, 89, of Fort Wayne, died at 10:03 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 2, 2011 at her home. A mass of Christian burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 6 at St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco with the Rev. Danney Pinto as celebrant. The family will receive friends on Monday from 2-8 p.m. and one hour prior to the funeral mass Tuesday morning at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Interment will be in the Riverview Cemetery, south of Churubusco. Memorials may be directed to the Regina Frazier Memorial Fund c/o George Frazier.

Ray Knox

FORT WAYNE — Ray B. Knox, 96, a resident of Fort Wayne and a retired missionary, passed away at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 1, 2011, at the Kingston Care Center in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 5, 2011, in the Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church with Pastor Larry Smith, officiating.

The family will receive friends at the church after noon on Monday until the time of the service.

Interment will be in the Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Memorials may be directed to Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, 13733 Wesley Chapel Road, Churubusco, IN 46723

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Ruth Jean Strater

ALBION — Ruth Jean Strater, 84, of Albion died on Thursday, Dec. 1, 2011 at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Strater was born on Aug. 9, 1927 to the late Bruce and Eva Margaret (Seymour) Haney.

She graduated from Albion High School in 1945 and married Harold Ray Strater on February 14, 1946. Harold preceded her death on Jan. 25, 1992.

Mrs. Strater

Ruth was employed with United Technologies in Topeka and Ligonier. She also worked at the Sun-Brite Laundromat in Kendallville.

Mrs. Strater enjoyed fishing, crocheting, reading, and her pets.

She attended Berean Baptist Church in Albion and was a member of the Albion Eagles Auxiliary and the Avilla American Legion.

Survivors include her daughter, Margaret Ellen Strater of Albion, two sons, Ray and Patricia Strater of Fort Wayne and Daniel and Nancy Strater of South Milford; eight grandchildren: Bruce Strater and his companion, SueAnn, of Fort Wayne; Scott and Nan Strater of Fort Wayne, Julie McComb and her companion, Ryan Crum of Fort Wayne; Christopher McComb of Fort Wayne; Jeff and Terry McComb of Fort Wayne; Michael Strater of South Milford; Lori Strater and her companion, Clint Lepper, of Kendallville; and Tim and Jeni Strater of South Milford; 16 great-grandchildren; aunts, Barbara Wilcoxson of Wolf Lake and Mary Rollins of Wolf Lake; several nieces and nephews and sister-in-law, Alice Meagher of Columbus.

She was preceded in death by her grandson, Troy Biberstine, who died Feb. 11, 2009; her brother, Robert Haney; and a sister, Alice Shisler.

Visitation will be Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2011 from 3-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2011 at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Robert Muller and Pastor Doug Keenan.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Preferred memorials may be made to Bed-N-Biscuit Boarding Kennels, 1364 E. 500 N., Albion, Indiana 46701, and/or the Noble County Humane Society.

Casket bearers will be her grandsons.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Ruth by Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2011 at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Michael Aronson

TOPEKA — Michael Richard Aronson, 75, of Topeka passed away Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011 at his residence.

He was born on Aug. 14, 1936 to Arthur E. & Marguerite (Hollenbeck) Aronson in Pasadena, Calif. He moved to the area in 1971 coming from California. On May 10, 1964 he married Janet E. Burkhead, she preceded him in death in August 2002.

He retired from Starcraft RV after 28 years of service. He enjoyed fishing, was an avid Rams fan, and above all he loved his grandkids and always supported their endeavors.

He survived by daughters, Vicki (Gary) McDowell of Albion and Penny & Sherman Shrock of Ligonier; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, two sons, John and Mike Aronson, and his parents.

A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2011 at noon at Community Fellowship Church in Topeka with Pastor Lyndon Stutzman. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to noon before the start of the service.

A cremation committal will take place at Legacy Cremation and Remembrance Center in Ligonier. In lieu, memorial contributions may be directed to World Vision, P.O. BOX 9716 Dept. W, Federal Way, WA 98063-9716.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

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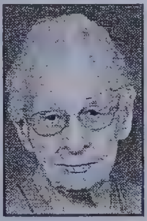
Lenora Schiffli

WATERLOO — Lenora M. Schiffli, 100, of Waterloo, died Saturday, Dec. 03, 2011, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.


Mrs. Schiffli

Mrs. Schiffli worked as a cook for the Country Charm Restaurant, Tuttle's Restaurant, and the Green Parrot in Waterloo.

She was a member of the St. Michael's Catholic Church in rural Waterloo. She was also a member of the St. Michael's Rosary Society, St. Rose Study Club, and the Harvest House.

She was born Oct. 13, 1911, in Glandorf, Ohio, to Bernard and Martha (Morman) Warnecke.

She married Wilfred Schiffli on May 9, 1939, in the St. John's Catholic Church in Glandorf, Ohio. He died March 23, 1978.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Martha Conrad of Waterloo, Joan and Robert Langhals of Glandorf, Ohio, and Barbara Schiffli of Muncie; four sons and daughters-in-law, Charles and Judy Schiffli of Broken Arrow, Okla., Robert and Lora Schiffli of Waterloo, Larry and Genevia Schiffli of Waterloo, and Herman and Anna Schiffli of Waterloo; 19 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; three sisters, Margaret Siefker of Ottawa, Ohio, Mildred Vorst of Kalida, Ohio, and Rosemary Siefker of Ottawa, Ohio; and three sisters-in-law, Teresa Warnecke of Glandorf, Ohio, Helen Warnecke of Glandorf, Ohio, and Lucille Schiffli of Orland.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a sister, Marcella Recker; and five brothers, Lambert Warnecke, Rudolph Warnecke, Urban Warnecke, Elmer Warnecke, and Thomas Warnecke.

A mass of Christian burial will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Michael's Catholic Church, 1098 C.R. 39, Waterloo, with visitation from 10-11 a.m. prior to the funeral mass. Father David Carkenord will be officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery.

Visitation will also be from 5-8 p.m. Monday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the rosary being recited at 5 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to St. Michael's Catholic Church restoration fund or masses.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Dale Goings

AUBURN — Dale E. Goings, 76, of Auburn, died Friday, Dec. 2, 2011, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Goings

Mr. Goings worked for the Eaton Corporation in Auburn for 30 years, retiring in 1999. He was also a lifetime farmer.

He attended the New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo and was a member of the Cedar Creek Antique Engine and Tractor Association.

He was born on July 11, 1935, in Paulding, Ohio, to Clarence and Laura (Keller) Goings.

He married Nettie Osbun on Oct. 2, 1966, in the Cedar Lake Church in Ashley. She died Aug. 25, 2007.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Patti Goings of Kendallville; two grandchildren, Nathan Terry and Taylar Knox; a brother and sister-in-law, DeWayne and Mary Ann Goings of Auburn; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Deloris and Dale Smith of Auburn, and Donna Greenfield of Auburn; and a brother-in-law and his spouse, Donald and Linda Osbun of Dunn, N.C.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by a brother-in-law, David Greenfield.

Services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with visitation from 10-11 a.m. prior to the service. The Rev. Ralph Diehl will be officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will also be from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the New Hope Christian Center or Shop with a Cop.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com

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Donna Fredrick

AUBURN — Donna J. (Wappes) Fredrick, 49, of Auburn, died Friday December 2, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Frederick

She was born on May 10, 1962, in Auburn, the daughter of Max and Erma (Muzzillo) Wappes.

She was a graduate of DeKalb High School and enjoyed sewing and art.

She was employed at McDonald's in Auburn.

Survivors include her husband, Lanny Fredrick of Auburn; a son, Nathan Fredrick of Auburn; a daughter, Alyssa Fredrick of Auburn; a granddaughter, Naysha Fredrick of Auburn; her mother, Erma Wappes of Auburn; a brother Mark Wappes and his companion Dana Robbins of Auburn; a sister and brother-in-law, Kathy and Dennis Arnold of Auburn; and several nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Max Wappes.

Funeral service will be Tuesday 10:30 a.m. at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with the Rev. Derrick Sneyd officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home and one hour prior to the service Tuesday.

Memorials are to the family. To sign the online guest book or to leave a condolence, visit www.pinnington-mccomb.com.

Gene Hantz

COLDWATER, Mich. — Gene Hantz, 71, of Lake Lavine, Coldwater, Mich. formerly of LaOtto, died Dec. 3, 2011 at his residence.

He was born Aug. 15, 1940 in Fremont to his parents, Orville and Edna (Rowe) Hantz, they preceded him in death.

He married Janice Vanpelt on Dec. 9, 1962 in Fort Wayne. She preceded him in death April 27, 2006.

Mr. Hantz was the owner of Precision Welding Corporation, Huntertown. He began his welding business in 1974 in LaOtto, and later moved to the current location in Huntertown.

Mr. Hantz

He was a 1958 graduate of Fremont High School, Fremont. He was a United States Air Force veteran, member of the American Legion, Fremont Moose Lodge, Iyopawa Island Golf Course, and the Lake Lavine Homeowners Association. He enjoyed his family, lawn care, playing golf, and the lake.

Survivors include his three daughters: Peggy Tassler of Fort Wayne, Debbie and Kelly Kovets of LaOtto, and Kelly and Scotty Ferguson of Bristol; two sons: Steve and Shelley Hantz of Carmel and Russ and Renee Hantz of McCordsville; 11 grandchildren, two sisters and four brothers.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Janice Hantz and his parents.

Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 5, 2011 at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. Funeral service will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2011 at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Gary Reiber officiating.

Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery, Angola, with military committal services conducted by members of Fremont American Legion.

Memorials may be made to Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Leora Kauffman

MIDDLEBURY — Leora V. Kauffman, 85, of Middlebury, died at 2:20 a.m., on Saturday, Dec. 3, at Millers Merry Manor, LaGrange.

Visitation will be after 2 p.m. on Sunday and Monday at the Kenny Jones residence, 59445 C.R. 43, Middlebury.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, also at the Kenny Jones residence.

Services will be conducted by Bishop Alvin Hershberger and her nephew Dan Borntrager.

Burial will be in Miller Cemetery, Goshen.

Rosie Bontrager

SHIPSHEWANA — Rosie C. Bontrager, infant daughter of Cletus E. and Ida Sue (Hershberger) Bontrager of Shipshewana was stillborn at 12:29 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 2, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

A graveside service was held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Yoder Cemetery in Shipshewana.

The service was conducted by Bishop Monroe Yoder.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, assisted with arrangements.

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John McNeal

FORT WAYNE — John Allen McNeal, 58, of Fort Wayne died on Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011, at Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis.

Mr. McNeal

John was born in Fort Wayne on June 5, 1953, to John Tony McNeal and Marcile (Kimlovits) Dykes. He graduated from Carroll High School in 1971.

John was a carpenter by trade and owned McNeal Builders out of Michigan.

John loved fishing, gardening and canning. When he was younger, he loved water skiing on Big Long Lake. He was a very hard worker who loved animals and the outdoors. He loved the mountains of Colorado and the warm winters in Florida.

Survivors include his mother, Marcile Dykes of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Faye Funk of Broomfield, Colo; two sons, John Christopher McNeal of Wolcottville, and Nathan Kayne and Angie McNeal of Wolcottville; a stepdaughter, Nikki Massey of Michigan; grandchildren, Skyler McNeal, Zayne McNeal, Sevin McNeal, Hunter Napier and Travis Funk; a great-granddaughter, Honor McNeal; two brothers, William McNeal of Fort Wayne and Daniel McNeal of Marcellus, Mich.; two sisters, Karen and Jim Myers of Kendallville and Renee and Michael Beaver of North Webster; and his beloved dog, Cocoa.

He was preceded in death by his father, John, who died Aug. 5, 1986, and his nephew, Ian Myers, who died March 10, 2011.

A celebration of John's life will take place Tuesday, Dec. 6, from 4-6 p.m. at Lake of the Woods Too, 6500 S. C.R. 1170E, near Hudson.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville is assisting the McNeal family with arrangements.

Norma Allen

ROCK HILL, S.C. — Norma Vallieu Allen, 84, died Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011, at the Hospice and Community Care Center in Rock Hill.

Born in Fort Wayne, Ind., on Aug. 22, 1927, she was the daughter of the late Harold Vallieu and the late Hazel Vallieu. Her husband, Joe Crawford Allen, preceded her in death in 1997. Norma and Joe lived in Montpelier, Ohio, until 1973, when the family moved to South Carolina.

Norma was a founding member of the Montpelier Civic League and the Williams County Playhouse.

She was a member of St. John's Methodist Church in Rock Hill, S.C., and the Rock Hill Country Club.

Norma will always be remembered for her kindness, generosity and nonjudgmental nature. Her home was often the gathering place for friends and family, and she went out of her way to ensure that everyone always felt welcome.

A devoted mother, Norma is survived by Chris Allen of Charlotte, N.C.; Dan Allen and his wife, Beachy, of High Point, N.C.; Joe Allen and his wife, Kathy, of Rock Hill, S.C.; Ann Allen Casey and her husband, David, of Rock Hill, S.C. She was also a loving grandmother and is survived by: Cacky Allen Higgins and her husband, Eamonn; Daniel Allen; David Casey and Joseph Casey. A sister, Ann Brown, lives in Butler, Ind.

A memorial service will be held at St. John's United Methodist Church in Rock Hill. In accordance with her wishes, she will be buried next to her husband in Riverside Cemetery in Montpelier, Ohio, at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice & Community Care, PO Box 993, Rock Hill, SC 29731; St. John's Methodist Church, 321 S. Oakland Avenue, Rock Hill, SC 29730; or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Greene Funeral Home Northwest Chapel in Rock Hill is assisting the family.

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Zonia Jacquay

RUSHVILLE — Zonia Sue Jacquay, 60, died Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011, at her home in Rushville, surrounded by her family.

Mrs. Jacquay

She was born in New Martinsville, W.Va., on Feb. 1, 1949, to the late Calvin H. and Elizabeth Francis (Flinn) Hornbeck.

She retired in 1999 from Bohn Aluminum in Butler after 22 years there. She also worked in the Butler Library for six years and in the Butler Trustee's office.

She was a member of the Auburn American Legion Post 97 Ladies Auxiliary and the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Syracuse.

She was raised in the Methodist Church.

Sue married Mark B. Jacquay on June 1, 1991, in Hamilton, and he survives in Rushville.

She is also survived by three children, Angela Darlene (Ronald) Uber of Kingston, Tenn., Tammy Marie (Ellis) Conley of LaGrange, and Stephen Michael Casto of Rockport, W.Va.; four grandchildren, Joshua Phillip (Shayla) Uber, Cameron Matthew Uber, Kaitlin Nicole Uber, and Brittany Renee Conley; one great-grandson, Kristopher Haiden Whitehead Uber; and two brothers, Carlton Lee (Louise) Hornbeck of Reader, W.Va., and Richard Mallary (Kim) Hornbeck of Belpre, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two grandchildren, Natascha Elizabeth and Samuel Ray Francis.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2011, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. A graveside service will be held at a later date in Hamilton Cemetery, Hamilton.

Memorials can be directed to Children First Center in Auburn. To send condolences visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Diane Bratton

KIMMELL — Diane M. Bratton, 41, of rural Kimmell died at 12:10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, 2011, at the Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Ormas Baptist Church, 8962 N. C.R. 300W, Columbia City, with calling after 9:30 a.m. at the church. Calling also will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City.

Burial will be in Thorn Cemetery, Ormas.

Memorials are to Hospice Home or Ormas Baptist Church.

Sonja Ross

SYRACUSE — Sonja Ann Ross, 64, of Syracuse died Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011, at her residence.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday at the Owen Family Funeral Home, 1001 S. Huntington St., Syracuse. Services will follow at 7 p.m. on Tuesday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to donor's choice.

Cheryl Mott

ANGOLA — Cheryl L Mott, 50, died Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011.

Services are pending at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

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December 6, 2011, Tuesday

Diane Bratton

KIMMELL — Diane M. Bratton, 41, of rural Kimmell died Sunday, Dec. 4, 2011, at the Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Bratton

Mrs. Bratton was employed at Tower Ribbon in Topeka for 19 years.

She was a member of Ormas Baptist Church. She was also a member of the Washington Township 4-H Club and Noble Nimble Thimbles Quilt Club.

Mrs. Bratton graduated from West Noble High School and Fairfield Vocational Cosmetology School.

She was born March 22, 1970, in Columbia City to Roger T. and Toni G. (Butt) Lemon. The survive in Kimmell.

She married Brian J. Bratton on Nov. 2, 1991. He survives in Kimmell.

Also surviving are her two children, Thomas James "T.J." Bratton of Logansport and Kelty Lynn Bratton at home; a brother, Glen (Loreen) Lemon of Kimmell; and her mother-in-law, Connie Bratton of Columbia City.

Her father-in-law, James Bratton, preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Ormas Baptist Church, 8962 N. C.R 300W, Columbia City, with visitation after 9:30 a.m. at the church. Burial will be in Thorn Cemetery, Ormas.

Visitation will also be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City.

Memorials are to the Hospice Home or Ormas Baptist Church.

Condolences may be sent to smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Very McVay

WOODRUFF — Vera M. McVay, 60, of Woodruff and formerly of Colon, Mich., died Monday, Dec. 5, 2011, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital, LaGrange.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel.

Elizabeth Nisley

BRISTOL — Elizabeth H. Nisley, 85, of Bristol died Sunday, Dec. 4, 2011, at Elkhart Hospice House.

Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to the 10 a.m. funeral service on Thursday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

Burial will be in Vistula Cemetery, Bristol.

Memorials are to Hospice House of Elkhart or Bristol Missionary Church.

Amy Combs

HUDSON — Amy S. Combs, 47, died Sunday, Dec. 4, 2011, at her home.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Lake Missionary Church, 9030 West U.S. 20, Angola.

Visitation will be from 3-7 p.m. Wednesday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, and one hour prior to the service Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to the family.

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James Lemmon

HAMILTON — James E. Lemmon, 66 years, of Fort Wayne, passed away Saturday, December 3, 2011, in his residence.

James was born May 6, 1945, in Hamilton, Indiana ,to the late Clay and Mary (Huff) Lemmon.

He was a 1963 graduate of Hamilton High School.

Jim served in the United State Air Force during the Viet Nam War.

Jim had been a mail carrier in Des Moines, Iowa, for 12 years. He also worked for the Fort Wayne Newspapers, delivering the Journal Gazette. He worked as a shift supervisor for Kautex in Avilla, retiring in 1997 due to a disability.

Jim enjoyed golfing, watching television and spending time with his grandchildren.

Surviving are his three children, Ann (Mike) Smith of Butler, Missouri, Clay (Jenny) Lemmon of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and Tarah (Allen) Souders of Fort Wayne, Indiana; eight grandchildren, Lisa, Garrett, Audrey, Nathan, Aliahna, Shaleigh, Trinity and Kyle; and one sister, Linda (Bill) Lindeman of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Louis; and three sisters, Luann, Sharon and Lucy.

Visitation for James E. Lemmon will be held Wednesday, December 7, 2011, from 5-8 p.m. in the Oberlin-Turnbull Funeral Home & Crematory, 3985 E Church St., Hamilton, Indiana.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, December 8, 2011, in the funeral home with interment to follow in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider contributions to the charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to the family or the online guest book may be signed at www.oberlinturnbull.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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Pastor Tracy Hammond

ANGOLA — Pastor Tracy Otis Hammond, 85, of Angola, Ind., went to be with Jesus. He held his beloved wife Lillian's hand all the way to the gates of Heaven. On December 5, 2011, he was in his home, when the angels came, rescuing him from his courageous fight with pancreatic cancer. Songs of praise, prayers of faith, treasured Scripture, and hearts filled with love surrounded him. The Lord was a very present help, faithful to his servant.

Pastor Hammond

Tracy Otis was born on April 5, 1926, in Santa Cruz, Calif., to Rev. Robert G. and Ellen Hammond.

He graduated from Apostolic Bible Institute, St. Paul, Minn., in 1946, marrying Lillian Esther Colegrove the following day, May 13, 1946. They ministered side by side for 65 years, the most recent pastorate being The Olde York Church, Fremont, Ind.

Pastor Tracy also used his masonry skills to build several churches, homes and businesses across the U.S.A. Music, joy and love filled their life together and blessed the communities they resided in throughout the years.

He was proceeded in death by his parents, a sister, brothers, a son (Edwin Louis), and a son-in-law (Roy Smallwood).

Surviving are: his wife Lillian; brothers, Alfred Glen Larson and Louis Hammond; six children, Tracy Joel (Ruth) Hammond, Treasure Smallwood, Pastor Stanley Hammond, Daniel (Jennie) Hammond, Serena (Pastor Sam) Hoffman, and Melody (Dan) Buehrer. Also surviving are 15 grandchildren, Trina, Tracy Lewis, Kim, Heather, George, Stephanie, Sasha, Robert, Michael, Elyse, August, Iris, Henry, Sylvia, and William; 10 great-grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Thursday, December 8, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Fairview Missionary Church, 525 E. C.R. 200N, Angola, Ind.

The celebration of Pastor Tracy's life will be on Friday at 1 p.m. at Fairview Missionary Church.

There will be a graveside service for family only at York Cemetery.

Memorials are to The Olde York Church, 8740 E. C.R. 300N, Fremont, IN 46737.

Beams Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Memorials are to The Olde York Church, 8740 E 300 N, Fremont, IN 46737.

Cheryl Mott

ANGOLA — Cheryl Lynn Mott, 50, passed away Saturday, December 3, 2011, at Cameron Community Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Mott

She was born March 20, 1961, to Neal and Nancy (McFarland) Circosta. Her father preceded her in death. Her mother, Nancy Circosta, survives in Angola.

She married Don Mott on March 20, 2006. He survives in Angola.

Also surviving are her children, Christopher and Terri Lawrence of Georgia, Jacob Lawrence of Indiana, Vicki Titus of Ohio, and Beth and Jay Holbrook of Ohio; two brothers, Andrew and Carol Circosta of Angola and Nic and Karey Circosta of Mishawaka; six grandchildren, Alex Lawrence, Catherine and Lillian, Devin, and Carson and Jayna; two nieces, Jessica Circosta and Lucy Circosta; and three nephews, Brian Circosta, Ryan Austin and Taylor Austin.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, December 10, 2011, at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson, with Pastor Craig Burkholder officiating.

Calling will be one hour prior to the service.

Condolences may be sent online to www.dalejohnsonfh.com.

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Vera McVay

WOODRUFF — Vera M. McVay, 60, of Woodruff and formerly of Colon, Michigan, died Monday, December 5, 2011, at 12:30 p.m. in Parkview LaGrange Hospital, LaGrange.

Mrs. McVay

She was a homemaker. She was a member of Moose Lodge No. 1351 in LaGrange.

Vera enjoyed helping others by volunteering her time, setting up fundraisers, and helping those in need. She liked to play Bingo and go to the casino.

She was a terrific mother who loved to be loved.

She was born October 28, 1951, in Coshocton, Ohio, to Clarence Wilson and Minnie Lou (Sizemore) McVay.

Surviving are her companion, Jack Binkley Sr. of Woodruff and formerly of Sturgis, Michigan; a daughter and son-in-law, Sherry and David Inman of Coldwater, Michigan; a son, Frank "Bud" Blake Jr. of Coldwater, Michigan; five grandchildren, Devin Inman, Derik Inman, Jessica Inman, Josee Inman, and Alexis Blake; her mother, Minnie Lou McVay of West Lafayette, Ohio; four sisters and two brothers-in-law, Gloria and Gary Weller of West Lafayette, Ohio, Vivian Deglar of Wooster, Ohio, Linda Spitler of Austin, Texas, and Nancy and Jamie Miller of Applecreek, Ohio; and a special friend, Max Krauter of Colon, Michigan.

She was preceded in death by her father and a grandson, Precious Angel Blake.

Funeral services will be Thursday, December 8, 2011, at 11 a.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery.

Calling is today, Wednesday, December 7, 2011, from 2 to 6 p.m. and one hour prior to services on Thursday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Moose Lodge No. 1351, 410 E. Central Ave., LaGrange, Indiana, 46761.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Linda Gowthrop

ANGOLA — Linda Gowthrop, 57, of Beech Island, S.C., and formerly of Angola, Ind., passed away December 2, 2011, in her sister's home in Bryan, Ohio.

Mrs. Gowthrop

Linda was born June 19, 1954, in Fort Eustis, Va., to John and Barbara (Burden) Simpson.

She married Michael Gowthrop on May 11, 2002.

Linda worked at Gas America in Angola.

She is survived by her husband, Michael Gowthrop of Beech Island, S.C.; her mother, Barb Simpson of Bryan, Ohio; a son, Chad (Maggie Platt) Underwood of Fremont, Ind.; a sister, Kathy (Richard) Wheeler of Bryan, Ohio; one grandson, Alexander Underwood of Fremont, Ind.; her nephews, Jeremy (Amber Simmons) Wheeler of Bryan, Ohio, and Jon (Amy Noel) Wheeler of Hamilton, Ind., her great-nieces and nephew, Adrianna, Sophia, Arden and Mara; one stepdaughter, Tracy (Robbie) Robinson; five stepgrandchildren, Taylor, Nik, Shayne, Michael and Alex; and her mother-in-law, Bonnie Leugers; all of South Carolina.

She was preceded in death by her father, John Simpson.

A Celebration of Life visitation will be held from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, December 10, 2011, at the Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, Indiana.

Memorials can be made to the Family in care of Michael Gowthrop or to the Community Hospital of Williams County Home Health and Hospice of Bryan, Ohio.

Send online condolences to www.weichtfh.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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December 7, 2011, Wednesday

James Yurs

SHIPSHEWANA — James D. Yurs, 81, of Shipshewana and formerly of Howe, died unexpectedly on Monday, December 5, 2011, at Sturgis Hospital.

Mr. Yurs

James was born on April 27, 1930, in Elgin, Ill., and was raised on a farm operated by his parents, Donald L. and Juanita C. Yurs.

Jim, along with his wife, owned and operated several motels in Colorado, Michigan and Indiana. He moved to this area in 1986 from Three Rivers, Mich.

He was a member of the Lima Presbyterian Church and a former member of the Howe Lions Club, Colorado and Michigan Hotel/Motel Associations, Chamber of Commerce and Elks Club of Three Rivers.

On September 20, 1952, he married Barbara A. Boe in Elgin, Ill. She survives in Shipshewana.

Also surviving are a daughter, Jennifer J. (Michael) Snyder of Sturgis, Mich.; his sons, Jeffery James (Donna) Yurs of Elgin, Ill., and Jay Donald Yurs of Roscoe, Ill.; five grandchildren, Justin and Jenna Yurs of Elgin, Katie Snyder (Bret) Hamlin of Sturgis, and James J. and Kayla D. Yurs of Roscoe, Ill., and one great-grandchild, Addison.

Jim is also survived by three sisters, Donna (William) Rees, Joanne Burnidge and Joyce McNutt, all of Elgin, and two brothers-in-law, Robert G. (Lillian) Boe of Durango, Colo., and George W. Boe III of Pearland, Texas.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, December 9, 2011, at the Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, Ind. The Rev. Daniel Engber and Elder Jerry Stanner will officiate and the burial will take place in Riverside Cemetery, Howe, Ind.

Visitation will be held from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, December 8, 2011, at the funeral home.

Memorials may be contributed to the ARK Animal Rescue & Adoption Inc. or the Lima Presbyterian Church of Howe.

Online condolences may be submitted to the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Martha Osbun

CHURUBUSCO — Martha L. Osbun, 83, of Churubusco died Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2011, at her home.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Churubusco Church of the Nazarene. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and one hour prior to the service Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to the Churubusco Church of the Nazarene, 1000 W. Whitley St., Churubusco, IN 46723

Evelyn Kitchen

KENDALLVILLE — Evelyn Mae Kitchen, 86, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2011, at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

Visitation will be from 3-7 p.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home. There will be an hour of calling before the funeral service.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Memorials are to Faith United Methodist Church or the Noble County Humane Shelter.

A full obituary will appear in Thursday's edition.

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Cynthia Lumbard

HOWE — Cynthia Lumbard, 77, of Howe died Sunday, Dec. 5, 2011, at her home.

Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Pauline Hershberger

MIDDLEBURY — Pauline E. Hershberger, 67, of Middlebury died Monday, Dec. 5, 2011, at her residence.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

There will be one hour of visitation prior to the 10 a.m. funeral service on Friday at Middlebury Church of the Brethren.

Burial will be in Thomas Cemetery, Goshen.

Memorials are to Middlebury Church of the Brethren.

James Bovee

PACIFIC PALISADES, Calif. — James E. Bovee, 85, of Pacific Palisades, and formerly of Stroh, died Nov. 7. 2011. Private services have taken place at Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills.

Earl Haithcox

BRISTOL — Earl Kenneth Haithcox, 86, of Bristol died Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2011.

Visitation will be from 9-11 a.m. Friday at the Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial with military honors will be at Oakridge Cemetery.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org.

Orla Miller

GOSHEN — Orla D. Miller, 77, of Goshen, died at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 6, at his residence.

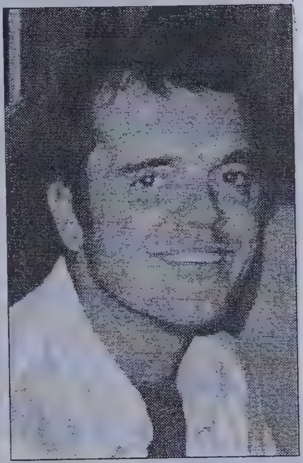
Services are at 9:30 a.m. on Friday at the Dewayne Miller residence, 10122 C.R. 32, Goshen. Services will be conducted by Bishop LeRoy Lehman and the home ministers. Burial is in Bontrager Cemetery, Middlebury.

Visitation will be after 2 p.m. on Wednesday and all day Thursday.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
December 7, 2011, Wednesday

John A. McNeal, 58



John Allen McNeal, age 58, of Fort Wayne died on Saturday, December 3, 2011 at Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis. John was born in Fort Wayne on June 5, 1953 to John Tony McNeal and Marcile (Kimlovits) Dykes.

He graduated from Carroll High School in 1971.

John was a carpenter by trade and owned McNeal Builders out of Michigan.

John loved fishing, gardening and canning. When he was younger, he loved water skiing on Big Long Lake.

He was a very hard worker who loved animals and the outdoors. He loved the mountains of Colorado and the warm winters in Florida.

Survivors include his mother, Marcile Dykes of Fort Wayne; daughter, Faye Funk of Broomfield, Colorado; sons, John Christopher McNeal of Wolcottville, Nathan Kayne and Angie McNeal of Wolcottville; grandchildren: Skyler McNeal, Zayne McNeal, Sevin McNeal, Hunter Napier and Travis Funk; great-granddaughter, Honor McNeal; his beloved dog, Cocoa; brothers, William McNeal of Fort Wayne, Daniel McNeal of Marcellus, Michigan; sisters, Karen and Jim Myers of Kendallville, Renee and Michael Beaver of North Webster.

He was preceded in death by his father, John, who died August 5, 1986 and his nephew, Ian Myers, who died March 10, 2011.

A celebration of John's life was Tuesday, December 6th, at Lake of the Woods Too, near Hudson, IN.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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Albion, IN
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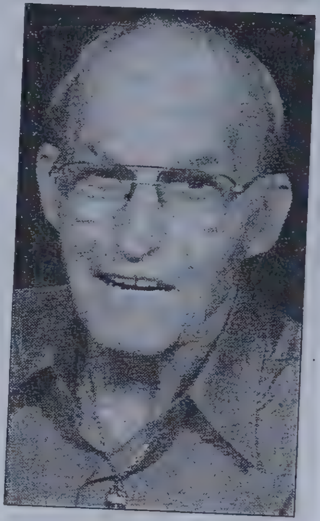
Mark A. Munk, 89



Mark Allen Munk, age 89, of Kendallville died on Thursday, December 1, 2011 at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville, Indiana.

A lifetime resident, Mr. Munk was born in Kendallville on August 19, 1922 to the late Mandel Alva and Deborah Beryl (Hague) Munk.

He graduated from Rome City High School in 1940 and married Wanda Mae Stoneburner on June 20, 1959 at the farm house.

Mark was a lifetime farmer. He was also a large equipment operator and was employed with Hipskin, Reith & Riley and Mollering Construction. He retired in 1998 from Brooks Construction.

He loved spending time with all of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mark was an avid sports fan and he loved playing golf and ice fishing.

He was a member of the Wayne Center United Methodist Church north of Kendallville where he enjoyed singing solos for the worship services.

Mark was active in his community. He was a member and past Master of the Free and Accepted Masonic Lodge and the Scottish Rite and Mizpah Shriners of Fort Wayne.

He was a past member and office holder of the Brimfield Lions Club. He also held offices with Indiana Lions Club.

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Mark was a charter member and officer of the Hoosier Kountry Kamping Klub.

He also was a member of the Operators Engineers Union, Local #103, Fort Wayne.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Wanda Munk of Kendallville; son, Craig and Karen Munk of Kendallville; daughters, Beckie and Roger Longyear of Kendallville, Bonnie Kimmell of Kendallville, Brenda and Jeff Harman of St. Peters, Missouri; nine grandchildren: Leslie (John) Wechter of Ligonier, Aren (Steve) Straiger of Carmel, Stacey (Chad) DeLong of Ligonier, Laura (Laramy) Freed of Kendallville, Meagan (Dominic) King of St. Charles, Missouri, Ryan Longyear of Kendallville, Amanda (Brett) Warner of Kendallville, Justin Harman and Kyle Harman both of St. Peters; 13 great-grandchildren; sister, Marceda Hosted of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Tiffany Munk, in 1970; and his brother-in-law, Gerald "Hop" Hosted.

There were Masonic services conducted by members of the F&AM Kendallville Lodge #276.

Funeral services were Saturday, December 3, 2011 at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service was Pastor Sherrie Long.

Burial was at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Preferred memorials may be made to Wayne Center United Methodist Church.

Casket bearers were Steve Straiger, Ryan Longyear, Justin Harman, Kyle Harman, Bill Hosted, and Ryan Stoneburner.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

We would like to thank all of our family, friends and community for everything they have done for us during this difficult time. Thank you to the Central Noble School, Blessed Sacrament Church, Pastor Bret Frymier, Brazzell Funeral Home, to everyone that donated items or their time in helping with the meal at the church and to all that shared a memory or story of Lindsie. We truly appreciate everyone and everything that you all have done.

The Family of Lindsie Truelove
Larry, Wanda, Laramie,
Aaron and Josh

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
December 7, 2011, Wednesday

Ruth J. Strater, 84

Ruth Jean Strater, age 84, of Albion died on Thursday, December 1, 2011 at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Mrs. Strater was born on August 9, 1927 to the late Bruce and Eva Margaret (Seymour) Haney.

She graduated from Albion High School in 1945 and married Harold Ray Strater on February 14, 1946.

Harold preceded her death on January 25, 1992.

Ruth was employed withUnited Technologies in Topeka and Ligonier.

She also worked at the Sun-Brite Laundromat in Kendallville.

Ruth enjoyed fishing, crocheting, reading, and her pets.

She attended at Berean Baptist Church in Albion was a member of the Albion Eagles Auxillary and the Avilla American Legion.

Survivors include daughter, Margaret Ellen Strater of Albion; sons, Ray and Patricia Strater of Fort Wayne, Daniel and Nancy Strater of South Milford; eight grandchildren: Bruce Strater and his companion, SueAnn, of Fort Wayne, Scott and Nan Strater of Fort Wayne, Julie McComb and her companion, Ryan Crum of Fort Wayne, Christopher McComb of Fort Wayne, Jeff and Terry McComb of Fort Wayne, Michael Strater of South Milford, Lori Strater and her companion, Clint Lepper, of Kendallville, and Tim and Jeni Strater of South Milford; 16 great-grandchildren; aunts, Barbara Wilcoxson of Wolf Lake, Mary Rollins of Wolf Lake; several nieces and nephews; sister-in-law, Alice Meagher of Columbus, Indiana.

She was preceded in death by her grandson, Troy Biberstine, who died February 11, 2009; her brother, Robert Haney; and a sister, Alice Shisler.

Funeral services were Wednesday, December 7, 2011 at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service was Pastor Robert Muller and Pastor Doug Keenan.

Burial was at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Preferred memorials may be made to Bed-N-Biscuit Boarding Kennels, 1364 E. 500 N., Albion, Indiana 46701, and/or the Noble County Humane Society.

Casket bearers were her grandsons.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Michael R. Aronson, 75

Michael Richard Aronson, age 75, of Topeka, IN passed away Saturday December 3, 2011 at his residence. He was born on August 14, 1936 to Arthur E. and Marguerite (Hollenbeck) Aronson in Pasadena, CA. He moved to the area in 1971 coming from California. On May 10, 1964 he married Janet E. Burkhead. She preceeded him in death in August of 2002.

He retired from Starcraft RV after 28 years of service. He enjoyed fishing, was an avid Rams fan, and above all he loved his grandkids & always supported their endeavors.

He is survived by daughters, Vicki (Gary) McDowell of Albion and Penny and Sherman Shrock of Ligonier; nine grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife; two sons, John and Mike Aronson; and his parents.

A memorial service was held on Tuesday December 6, 2011 at Community Fellowship Church in Topeka, IN with Pastor Lyndon Stutzman officiating.

A cremation committal took place at Legacy Cremation & Remembrance Center in Ligonier. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to World Vision, PO Box 9716 Dept. W, Federal Way, WA 98063-9716.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Diane M. Bratton, 41

Diane M. Bratton, 41, of rural Kimmell, died at 12:10 a.m. Sunday, December 4, 2011 at the Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home, Fort Wayne where she was admitted on November 23rd.

She was born March 22, 1970 in Columbia City, Indiana a daughter of Roger T. and Toni G. (Butt) Lemon. Her formative years were spent in Washington Township, Noble County. She graduated from West Noble High School and Fairfield Vocational Cosmetology School.

On November 2, 1991 she was united in marriage to Brian J. Bratton. They have always made their home in rural Kimmell.

She was employed at Tower Ribbon in Topeka for 19 years.

Her memberships include Ormas Baptist Church, Washington Township, Noble County 4-H Club and Noble Nimble Thimbles Quilt Club.

Surviving relatives include her husband, Brian; two children, Thomas James "T.J." Bratton of Logansport and Kelty Lynn Bratton at home; her parents, Roger and Toni Lemon of Kimmell; a brother, Glen (Loreen) Lemon of Kimmell; and her mother-in-law, Connie Bratton of Columbia City.

Her father-in-law, James Bratton, preceded her in death.

The funeral service was held Wednesday at Ormas Baptist Church, 8962 N 300 W, Columbia City. The burial was in Thorn Cemetery, Ormas.

Preferred memorials are to the Hospice Home or Ormas Baptist Church.

THE NEWS SUN
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Crash kills Topeka woman

SUV strikes trailer of semi truck

BY MATT GETTS
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TOPEKA — A two-vehicle crash killed a Topeka woman in LaGrange County Wednesday morning, the LaGrange County Sheriff's Department reported.

Kimberly D. Huff, 37, was pronounced dead at the scene of the crash at the intersection of S.R. 5 and C.R. 800S.

According to LaGrange County police, Huff was driving a 2002 Ford sport utility vehicle westbound on C.R. 800S at approximately 6:15 a.m. when, for unknown reasons, she failed to yield to traffic at S.R. 5. Her vehicle crashed into the trailer of a semi traveling northbound on S.R. 5.

The driver of the semi, John D. Warner, 39, of Muncie, was not injured. The semi and trailer were owned by Carter Express Inc. of Anderson. The Ford vehicle was registered to Johnny J. Huff of Topeka. Police said it was a total loss.

Topeka police and fire departments also assisted at the scene.

Huff

Kimberly Huff

Mrs. Huff

TOPEKA — Kimberly McCoy Beechy Huff, age 37, of Topeka and formerly of Albion, Ind., passed away unexpectedly following injuries sustained in an automobile accident that took place Wednesday, December 7, 2011, on S.R. 5 in Topeka, Ind.

She was born April 5, 1974, to John and Donna (Smart) McCoy in Kendallville, Ind. On September 1, 2011, she married Johnny J. Huff in LaGrange, Ind. He survives.

She currently worked as an inspector at Millennium in Ligonier and had also worked at Starcraft RV in Topeka, Ind.

She is survived by her husband, Johnny Huff of Topeka, Ind.; three children, Justin Beechy of Ligonier, Ind., and Jason and Brittany Beechy, both of Topeka; her parents, John and Donna McCoy of Albion, Ind.; her grandfather, Donald Smart of Kendallville, Ind.; two stepchildren, John Russell Huff and Sarah Huff, both of Cromwell; and one stepgrandson, Bentley Huff.

She was preceded in death by a stillborn son, Nathan Michum.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, December 10, 2011, at 10 a.m. at Lighthouse Tabernacle, 65 E. Noe St., Kimmell, Ind., with Pastor Glen Patrick officiating. Burial will take place at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier, Ind.

A visitation will be held from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. on Friday, December 9, 2011, at Lighthouse Tabernacle in Kimmell. Memorial contributions may be directed to the church.

The Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

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Evelyn Kitchen

KENDALLVILLE — Evelyn Mae Kitchen, age 86, of Kendallville died on Tuesday, December 6, 2011, at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

Mrs. Kitchen

Mrs. Kitchen was born in Wawaka, Indiana, on April 27, 1925, to the late Charles L. Hover and Lulu G. (Ritter) Hover Wells.

She married Doyne Aaron Kitchen on April 12, 1941, in LaGrange and he preceded her death on July 19, 2007.

Evelyn was a homemaker and along with her husband, Doyne, they owned and operated Kitchen TV and Appliance in Wolcottville for 37 years.

Evelyn enjoyed going out to eat and talking on the phone with her family and friends.

She loved spending time with her family, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, especially at Christmastime.

She loved animals and her pets and spending winters in Florida.

Evelyn was a member of the Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville.

Survivors include her daughters, Connie and Harold Doutt of Albion, Julie and Tim Pease of Kendallville, Vicki Lash and her companion, Curtis Setser of Kendallville; her daughter-in-law, Connie Kitchen of LaGrange; eight grandchildren, Carie Beckley and her companion, Frank Hawks, both of Brimfield; Andrea and Paul Hendrixson of Cumming, Georgia; Mark and Heather Pease of Grand Haven, Michigan; Kristin Pease of Columbia City; Jeni and Jeremy Cripe of Kendallville; Angie Lash of Fort Wayne; Tara and Shanon Layne of Goshen; and Aaron and Whittany Kitchen of Kendallville; 11 great-grandchildren; and two sisters-in-law, Phyllis Brandt of Port Charlotte, Florida, and Marjorie Rowlison of LaGrange.

She was also preceded in death by her son, Rodney Kitchen; her grandson, Brian Beckley; her brothers, Gerald "Stub," Wally, Orval and Delbert Hover; her sisters, Mary Becker, Eva, Ruby Kile, and Elizabeth Maggart; and her stepsiblings, Jim, Harry, and Keith Wells, Bea Snyder and Mary Hoover.

Visitation will be today, Thursday, December 8, 2011, from 3-7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Friday, December 9, 2011, at 11 a.m. Hite Funeral Home. There will be an hour of calling before the funeral service. Pallbearers will be Mark Pease, Kristi Pease, Jeni Cripe, Jeremy Cripe, Aaron Kitchen and Shanon Layne.

Officiating the funeral service will be the Rev. Steven Barht.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Preferred memorials may be made to Faith United Methodist Church or Noble County Humane Shelter.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Evelyn by today at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Terry Funk

LIGONIER — Terry L. Funk, age 66, of Wawaka, Ind., passed away on Tuesday, December 6, 2011, at 7:15 p.m. at Northridge Village in Albion, Ind.

Mr. Funk

He was born on December 31, 1944, to Escoe and Vina Funk in Michigan.

Terry served his country honorably in the United States Army during the Vietnam War.

He retired as a driver for Quality Drive Away after more than 30 years of service.

Terry loved NASCAR and was a huge Elvis Presley fan.

He was a member of the Eagles Lodge.

He is survived by two daughters, Lisa (Steven) Hartsough of Albion and Kandi (Richard) Click of Cromwell; four grandchildren, Kristopher, Kyran, Baylee and Kacee; and a brother, Ronald (Judy) Funk of Eau Claire, Wis.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Lynnette Funk, and his parents.

A cremation committal will take place at Legacy Cremation & Remembrance Center in Ligonier.

All arrangements are private.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family in care of Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN 46767.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

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Suzanne Robbins

WARSAW — Suzanne Kay (Fuleki) Robbins, 68, of Warsaw died Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2011, at Mason Health and Rehabilitation Center in Warsaw.

Mrs. Robbins

She had moved to Warsaw 25 years ago from Hamilton.

Mrs. Robbins had been a hairdresser at Rainbow Beauty Salon in Angola, and had been employed at Messenger Corp. in Auburn.

She was a 1961 graduate of Ashley High School in Ashley and a graduate of Ravenscroft Beauty College.

Mrs. Robbins had been active in the Gold Wing Motorcycle Club and had participated in plays at the Wagon Wheel Theatre in Warsaw. She was also involved with Big Brothers Big Sisters and had been a Girl Scout leader.

She was born Jan. 29, 1943, in Auburn to Harold and Hazel (Creager) Franks. She married Glenn Robbins on Feb. 14, 1986, in Corunna. He survives in Warsaw.

Also surviving are a son, Ronald "Skip" (Barb) Fuleki Jr. of Warsaw; a daughter, Valerie (Scott) Ervin of Angola; two stepsons, David (Cindy) Robbins of Mentone and Glenn Robbins Jr. of Warsaw; two stepdaughters, Ginger (Jerry) Bennett of Warsaw and Tina (David) Bennett of Warsaw; six grandchildren; 13 stepgrandchildren; five great-grandchildren; four brothers, Larry (Susie) Franks of Finley, Ohio, Huburt (Linda) Franks of Albion, Norbert (Linda) Franks of Kendallville and Randy Franks of Ashley; two sisters, Yolonda (Steve) Lechleidner of Auburn and Tina (Dick) Smith of Ligonier; two sisters-in-law, Alma (Bob) Henson of Loogootee and JoAnne Darling of Sarasota, Fla.; and two brothers-in-law, Charles Robbins of Elkhart and Arnold Robbins of Lafayette.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Dennis Franks.

Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Friday at Titus Funeral Home, 2000 E. Sheridan St., Warsaw.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home with one hour of visitation prior to the service.

Memorials are to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure, P.O. Box 650309, Dallas, TX 75265-0309 or go to ww5.komen.org.

Send online condolences to www.titusfuneralhome.com.

Cheryl Mott

ANGOLA — Cheryl Lynn Mott, 50, passed away Saturday, December 3, 2011, at Cameron Community Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Mott

She was born March 20, 1961, to Neal and Nancy (McFarland) Circosta. Her father preceded her in death. Her mother, Nancy Circosta, survives in Angola.

She married Don Mott on March 20, 2006. He survives in Angola.

Also surviving are her children, Christopher and Terri Lawrence of Georgia, Jacob Lawrence of Indiana, Vicki Titus of Ohio, and Beth and Jay Holbrook of Ohio; two brothers, Andrew and Carol Circosta of Angola and Nic and Karey Circosta of Mishawaka; a sister, Karen Jones of Battle Creek, Mich.; six grandchildren, Alex Lawrence, Catherine and Lillian, Devin, and Carson and Jayna; two nieces, Jessica Circosta and Lucy Circosta; and three nephews, Brian Circosta, Ryan Austin and Taylor Austin.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, December 10, 2011, at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson, with Pastor Craig Burkholder officiating.

Calling will be one hour prior to the service.

Condolences may be sent online to www.dalejohnsonfh.com.

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Connie Parsons

CROMWELL — Connie K. Parsons, age 57, of Cromwell, Ind., passed away on Tuesday, December 6, 2011, at her home.

Ms. Parsons

She was born on February 3, 1954, to Oscar Edward and Marguerite Irene (Randol) Kline in Kendallville, Ind.

Ms. Parsons was a homemaker and also attended meetings of Jehovah's Witnesses.

She enjoyed trips to the dunes, playing guitar, singing, both making dinner and dining out. Above all she enjoyed spending time with her loved ones. She will always be remembered for her kind heart toward others and her willingness to share the things she had.

She is survived by two daughters, April (Andy) Johnson of Cromwell and Cheyenne (Bobby) Fetters of Cromwell; three sons, Rusty (Chanthima) Collins of Albion, Oscar Collins and companion Shawna of Muncie, and Andy (Rebekah) Collins of North Webster; 10 grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; one sister, Karen (Charles) Anglin of Cromwell; three brothers, Calvin (Julie) Kline of Syracuse, Randy Kline of Ligonier and Rick (Patricia) Kline of Knox; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Kenny Kline.

There will be a funeral service in Mrs. Parsons' honor on Saturday, December 10, 2011, at 2 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier with her brother, Rick Kline, officiating. Burial will take place at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier

A time of visitation will be held on Friday, December 9, 2011, from 2-4 & 6-8 p.m. and from 1-2 p.m. prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions are to the Connie Parsons Memorial Fund.

Online Condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com

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We would like to thank all of our family, friends and community for everything they have done for us during this difficult time. Thank you to the Central Noble School, Blessed Sacrament Church, Pastor Bret Frymier, Brazzell Funeral Home, to everyone who donated items or their time in helping with the meal at the church and to all who shared a memory or story of Lindsie. We truly appreciate everyone and everything that you all have done.

The Family of Lindsie Truelove
Larry, Wanda, Laramie, Aaron and Josh

THE NEWS SUN
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December 8, 2011, Thursday

Max Gaff

BUTLER — Max E. Gaff 84, died Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2011, at the Hospice Home of Fort Wayne.

Mr. Gaff

Mr. Gaff was a retired farmer and had also retired from the Auburn Foundry after 17 years.

He was a graduate of Butler High School and a U.S. Army veteran.

Mr. Gaff was a member of St. Marks Lutheran Church in Butler, American Legion Post 202 in Butler, and the DeKalb County Farm Bureau.

He was born in Troy Township on Oct. 19, 1927, to Elmer and Mildred (Teutsch) Gaff. He married Donnabelle Menzel on June 21, 1952, in Kendallville. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Sara Gaff of Auburn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Kathie and Mark Troder of Butler and Linda and Matthew Cape of Butler; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; his mother-in-law, Lucille Menzel of Paulding, Ohio; and a sister-in-law, Margaret Tope of Paulding, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his father-in-law, William F. Menzel, and two brothers-in-law, Lowell Tope and William J. Menzel.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, with Pastor Paul Patton officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery with military honors by Butler American Post 202.

Visitation will be from 3-7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be given to the donor's choice or Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home.

Condolences and a video tribute may be viewed online at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Timothy Swoveland

FORT WAYNE — Timothy Wayne Swoveland, 61, died unexpectedly Friday afternoon, December 2, 2011, in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Mr. Swoveland

He was born in Hartford City on August 5, 1950, to Rex M. Swoveland and Martha J. (Thomas) Swoveland. Both parents precede him in death.

Tim graduated from Hartford City High School in 1968. He graduated from Indiana University in 1972.

He worked at Automotive Color and Supply and delivered auto parts.

He had lived the past 40 years in Fort Wayne.

Tim was a huge IU fan. He enjoyed golfing, fishing, IU basketball and was a sports enthusiast.

He will be sadly missed by his daughter, Jennifer "Jen" M. Graber of Butler, Ind.; his grandchildren, Arielle, Taylor, Autumn and Paige Graber; his sister, Susy (husband, Fred) Tobey of Hartford City; his brother, Paul M. (wife, Laura) Swoveland of Charlotte, N.C.; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday, December 10, 2011, at Keplinger Funeral Home, 509 N. High St., Hartford City, with the Rev. Michael Booher officiating.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, December 10, 2011, at Keplinger Funeral Home.

Timothy will be cremated.

Memorials may be made to Indiana University Foundation, c/o Alumni Association, P.O. Box 500, Bloomington, IN 47402

Online condolences may be sent to www.keplingerfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
December 9, 2011, Friday

Jean Rowe

WINTER HAVEN, Fla. — Jean LeRoy Rowe, 78, of Winter Haven died Monday, Nov. 28, 2011, at Good Shepherd Hospice in Auburndale, Fla., due to cancer.

He had moved to Winter Haven in 2001.

Mr. Rowe worked for a printer as a typist.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Mr. Rowe was born Dec. 14, 1932, to Walter and Grace Matthews Rowe in LaGrange County, Ind.

Surviving are two daughters, Jusino of Silver Springs, Md., and Krista Rowe of Gaithersburg, Md.; a brother, Glenn Rowe of Indiana; five grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Robert and Richard Rowe.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in Indiana.

Memorial donations are to Good Shepherd Hospice, 105 Arneson Ave., Auburndale, FL 33823.

Oak Ridge Funeral Care in Winter Haven is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent at www.oakridgefuneralcare.com.

Edna Rinehart

HOWE — Edna E. Rinehart, 81, of Howe died Thursday, Dec. 8, 2011, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Funeral services will be at noon Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery in rural LaGrange, IN.

Visitation will be on Saturday two hours prior to the noon service at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
December 10, 2011, Saturday

Oleta Leathers

ALBION — Oleta Mae "Teny" Leathers, age 93, of Albion died on Thursday, December 8, 2011, at 11:21 a.m. at Goshen Health Center in Goshen. She had been in failing health since last Friday.

She was born on April 18, 1918, in Middle Point, Ohio, and was the daughter of James and Myrtle (Friesner) Spridgeon. She came to the Albion area in 1952, coming from Churubusco.

On September 7, 1940, she married Richard L. Leathers in Bowling Green, Kentucky. He died on May 19, 1993.

She was a homemaker and a farmer's wife for her life's work. She and her husband grew strawberries and melons on their farm.

Mrs. Leathers spent 2 years in nurses training in Troy, Ohio, and was a member of the Ligonier Presbyterian Church, and the Noble County Historical Society. She enjoyed gardening, and caning chairs.

Surviving are her daughters, Sharon Leitch of Albion, Toni (Kenny) Lemish of Albion and Ginger (Bill) Peckhart of Hamilton; a brother, Gerald (Esther) Spridgeon of Middle Point, Ohio; her grandchildren, Anisa Leitch, Anita Sherman, Timothy Lemish and Michael Lemish; six great-grandchildren; and four stepgrandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband; her brother, Leo Spridgeon, and her sister, Betty Lewis.

Graveside services will be on Monday, December 12, 2011, at 10 a.m. at Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne. The. Rev. Dan Carlson will officiate.

Visitation will be from 2-6 p.m. on Sunday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Please make memorials to the Noble County Historical Society.

Go to brazzellfuneralhome.com to send online condolences.

Donald Messenger

SHAKER HEIGHTS, Ohio — Donald S. Messenger, 80, of Shaker Heights has died.

Mr. Messenger was the former president of Cleveland Paper Co. He had followed in the paper industry footsteps of his grandfather, Frank M. Messenger, and father, Harry M. Messenger, founders of Messenger Corp. in Auburn, Ind.

He was a graduate of Culver Military Academy and Indiana University.

Mr. Messenger was a member of Beta Pheta Pi.

He was the beloved husband of the late Jean Anne (nee Webb).

He was the dear father of Shawn E. Messenger (Jack Schmidt), Erin E. Bouey, and Stacy M. Lampros (James Sr.); and loving grandfather of Ian and Zachary Schmidt, Tyler and Kyle Bouey, James Jr., Katelin, and Anna Lampros.

The family will visit with friends on Sunday, December 11, 2011, at Kindrich-McHugh Steinbauer Funral Home, 33375 Bainbridge Road in Solon, Ohio, from from 3-5 p.m.

Interment will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola, Indiana.

Memorials may be made to Shaker Lakes Nature Center, the Salvation Army, or a charity of the donor's choice.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
December 10, 2011, Saturday

Diane Padgitt

Ms. Padgitt

FORT WAYNE — Diane Elaine Padgitt, 60, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Avilla, died on Wednesday, December 7, 2011, at 1:10 p.m. at the Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne. Ms. Padgitt had been battling cancer since April of this year.

She was born on December 26, 1950, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and was the daughter of Everett and Rose Mary (Swaim) Padgitt.

She has lived in Fort Wayne for the past 40 years coming from Avilla.

She graduated from East Noble High School in the class of 1969, and has worked at different nursing facilities as a licensed practical nurse for the past 35 years.

She attended Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla, and was a definite people person. She loved to be around people. She loved butterflies, bunnies and listening to music.

Surviving are her father, Everett Padgitt of Avilla; her aunt, Jeanne Hissem of Avilla; her cousin, Betty Pearson of Albion; and all of her loyal and supportive friends.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Rose Mary Padgitt on May 11, 1991, and her grandparents.

Visitation will be on Sunday, December 11, 2011, from 2-6 p.m. at the Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

Funeral services will also be on Sunday at 6 p.m. at the funeral home. The Rev. Larry R. Williams will officiate the service.

Cremation will follow.

The family suggests memorials be directed to Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana.

Go to brazzellfuneralhome.com to send online condolences.

Henry Yoder

GOSHEN — Henry M. Yoder, 87, of Goshen died Friday, Dec. 9, 2011, at 3:25 p.m. where had resided.

Calling will be from 1-7 p.m. Sunday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, 1003 S. Main St., Middlebury, and one hour before the 10:00 a.m. funeral service Monday at the Griner Mennonite Church, Middlebury.

Memorials are to I.U. Goshen Hospice or Gospel Echoes.

Jean Rowe

WINTER HAVEN, Fla. — Jean LeRoy Rowe, 78, of Winter Haven died Monday, Nov. 28, 2011, at Good Shepherd Hospice in Auburndale, Fla., due to cancer.

He had moved to Winter Haven in 2001.

Mr. Rowe worked for a printer as a typist.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Mr. Rowe was born Dec. 14, 1932, to Walter and Grace Matthews Rowe in LaGrange County, Ind.

Surviving are two daughters, Diana Jusino of Silver Springs, Md., and Krista Rowe of Gaithersburg, Md.; a brother, Glenn Rowe of Kendallville, Ind.; five grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Robert and Richard Rowe.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in Indiana.

Memorial donations are to Good Shepherd Hospice, 105 Arneson Ave., Auburndale, FL 33823.

Oak Ridge Funeral Care in Winter Haven is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent at www.oakridgefuneralcare.com.

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Fremont woman was known for toughness, stressed self reliance

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FREMONT — Carol Lynn Haines (Gorman) stressed self-reliance, responsibility and was known for toughness.

Mrs. Haines died at her home Sept. 25 from complications of Lou Gehrig's disease. She was 72.

Mrs. Haines was born Dec. 17, 1938, to Joseph and Molly Teeter (Ditmars) in Hammond.

Her four sons were David Gorman (Kim Roudebush), Timothy Gorman and Todd Gorman (Constance Sparkman), all from Snow Lake, and Matthew Gorman of Big Otter Lake. She also had six grandchildren and one great-grandson.

She has a sister, Susan Kay Griesmann (Teeter) and a brother, Daniel Lee Teeter, both from Illinois and two brothers, Jerry and Patrick, who preceded her in death.

"She was her mother's Christmas carol," said Todd Gorman, one of her sons. "She was born the week before Christmas."

Todd recalled his mother's ALS was diagnosed four years ago, but she never let it conquer her.

"She lived a real independent life. She decreased so quickly. The disease rendered her unable to speak. She carried around a box she typed into," Todd said.

When she was a teenager, her father was killed in an accident. Mrs. Haines quit high school to help her family.

She met and married Franklin Gorman after the two were introduced on a blind date. They were married 25 years. Franklin worked 25 years for B&O Railroad as an engineer. He retired in 1996 and died in 1997.

Eventually, Mrs. Haines returned to school and earned her high school diploma right after her oldest son, David, graduated. Todd was in a serious accident, and his mother decided she wanted to become a nurse to help care for him and others.

Mrs. Haines was in her 40s when she graduated from Purdue University with a degree in nursing. She worked as a registered nurse in intensive care, first at Parkview Hospital, and eventually retired from working at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Haines was a retired registered nurse, and she enjoyed being a substitute teacher after her retirement.

"She was tough. If you crossed her, she didn't have a problem with discipline," Todd said. "She was never at a loss for words."

Mrs. Haines

She was an avid gardener, quilter and a huge sports fan, especially loving the Chicago Bears, Boston Celtics and Indiana University basketball. Earlier this year, one of her sons, David, took her to Indianapolis to take in a basketball game between the Celtics and Indiana Pacers. Because she was a gardener, Mrs. Haines often canned what she grew.

"She enjoyed it. She canned a lot. One of my favorites was her chili sauce. We made a batch in 2002," Todd said.

Faith was important to Mrs. Haines. She was heavily involved in the Garrett United Methodist Church when she attended services there. When she moved to Fremont, she became a dedicated member of the Fremont United Methodist Church.

"She had a strong network of friends (at the church)," Todd said and added his mother was also a member of the ladies' quilting group. "She sold her house and moved to Snow Lake in the mid-1990s. She lived on the lake for four or five years and moved to Fremont."

Todd said it's likely his mother was the state's first female Cub Scout leader.

"She decided to make it happen. She was never afraid of a challenge. She had a woodworking shop in her garage. She made an apparatus over the pontoon for the winter," Todd said. "She had a table saw. She'd change her own oil. She was used to being resourceful. She'd sew clothes."

His mother was happiest when she was around family or attending their sporting events.

"She was very strict and stern about responsibility. She had written a letter to President (Barack) Obama and had been adamant about sending it. She understood the difficulty of lower-income people, but was opposed to handouts. She thought it'd be a horrible thing to do," Todd said and added his mother always stressed the importance of self-reliance.

Griesmann, Mrs. Haines' sister, said despite an 11-year age difference between her and her older sister, the pair bonded when Griesmann was in middle school.

"I got close to my sister in middle school. I lived with her and and family for a summer. My all-time (impression) of her was of her inner strength to face (adversity)," Griesmann said. "I was 9 months old when my father died, and my sister became my caregiver."

Griesmann recalled she went with her sister and their family to Pokagon State Park one summer to camp. In turn, Griesmann helped care for her young nephews and even helped bathe some of the boys in tubs on the back of the car.

Eventually, Griesmann married and moved away to Colorado, but returned to the area in 1989.

"I got to spend more time with her. I was blessed to be a caregiver of her at the end of her life. She was a special lady," Griesmann said.

Memorials can be made to the Fremont United Methodist Church and the Garrett United Methodist Church.

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David Quick

FREMONT — David Quick, 75, of Fremont and formerly of Orland, died Friday, Dec. 9, 2011, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Quick

Mr. Quick was retired owner of D & M Fire Safety. After retirement he worked part-time for many years at the First National Bank of Fremont. He also previously worked as a meat cutter at Felpausch Food Center in Coldwater, Mich.

He attended Brighton High School.

He was born May 15, 1936, in Orland to Garrette and Lena (Knapp) Quick and they preceded him in death.

He married Ruth Ann Wells on May 14, 1955, at the Methodist Church in Orland and she survives in Fremont.

Also surviving are six children and their spouses, Randy and Kathy Quick of Corunna, Marty and Linda Quick of Angola, Kim and Tammy Quick of Clear Lake, Fremont, Joel and Mary Quick of Fort Wayne, Kandi and Daral Ratliff of Ashley and Jan and Rob Wilson of Angola; 16 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Sidney Quick of Fort Myers, Fla, Garrette Wayne and Helen Quick of Howe and Corlin "Corky" and Marie Quick of Angola.

Celebration of life services will be Tuesday from 5-8 p.m. at Fairview Missionary Church, 525 East 200 North, Angola.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland, at a later date.

Memorials are to Fremont Dollars For Scholars, Humane Society Of Steuben County or the Steuben County Community Foundation

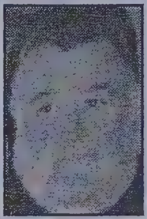
Condolences may be left at www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements are by Beams Funeral Home of Fremont.

Earl Walters

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Earl Walters, 70, died early Saturday morning Dec. 10, 2011 at his home.

He was born Dec. 29, 1940, in Petersburg, Mich., to Henry and Minnie (Russell) Walters. They preceded him in death.


Mr. Walters

Mr. Walters served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. He was employed at Noah Yoder Ford for 32 years as the service manager. He was a member of the American Legion Post 223, the Hicksville Eagles Aerie 2556 and the Masonic Lodge 478.

He is survived by his lifelong friend Wanda; three daughters, Tania Stultz, Anita Castner and Jennifer Sowles, all of Hicksville; a son, Toby Walters Sr. of Hicksville; 11 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sisters and five brothers.

Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church, Hicksville, Ohio, with Rev. Tim Piper officiating.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Burial will be at a later date with military honors by the Hicksville American Legion Post 223.

Online condolences may be left at www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com.

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Jack Jarrett

KENDALLVILLE — Jack I. Jarrett, 71, of Kendallville, died Friday, Dec. 9, 2011, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

He was born in Albion on Aug. 17, 1940, to Hanna Jarrett.

Mr. Jarrett

Jack graduated from Kendallville High School in 1959.

He married Sue Ann Young on June 26, 1961, in Kendallville.

Jack owned and operated Jarrett Sanitation Service in Kendallville from 1965 to 1990. He then worked for Munk Sanitation and later National Serv-All until he retired.

He was a member of the Kendallville Moose Lodge where he served as a past governor.

Survivors include his wife, Sue Ann Jarrett of Kendallville; two sons, Jeff Jarrett of Kendallville and James Jarrett of Kendallville; three grandsons, Joe and Tabby Jarrett of Stroh, Jeremy Jarrett of Pretty Lake and Tyler Jarrett of Kendallville; two great-grandsons, Braydon and Silas Jarrett; two brothers, Larry and Dorothy Jarrett of Kendallville and Leland Jarrett of Virginia; two sisters, Mary Lou and Phil Morr of Kendallville and Evelyn Tuttle of Ligonier; sister-in-law, Pat Jarrett of Highland; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother and four brothers, Alton, Lester, Harvey and Bill Jarrett.

Services will be Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2011, from 4-7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials may be made to Parkview Noble Hospice.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Jack by Tuesday at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

George Markin IV

MIDDLEBURY — George Henry Markin IV, of Middlebury, died at 8:05 p.m.on Thursday, Dec. 8, 2011, at Memorial Hospital, South Bend. Calling will be from 9-10 a.m. Tuesday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, 1003 S. Main St., Middlebury, with a funeral service following at 10 a.m. Burial will be in Vistula Cemetery, Bristol. Memorials may be made to Miller-Stewart Funeral Home to help the family with expenses.

Sr. Marilyn Phillips

AVILLA — Sister Marilyn Phillips, OSF, died Thursday, Dec. 8, 2011. Funeral Mass will be Monday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Francis Woods, 9201 W. St. Francis Rd., Frankfort, Ill. Calling will be today from 2-6 p.m. with a wake service at 4:40 p.m. Calling will be held locally on Tuesday 9-10 a.m. at Provena Sacred Heart Home Chapel in Avilla. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. at the nursing home chapel. Burial will follow at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery Memorials are to Franciscan Sisters.

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Jerry Lee Young

CHURUBUSCO — Jerry Lee Young, 64, died Friday evening, Dec. 9, 2011, at his home in Churubusco. Funeral services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Lewann Carteaux

FORT WAYNE — Lewann Carteaux, 79, passed away Friday evening at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Beverly Quance

AUBURN — Beverly J. Quance, 83, of Auburn, died Saturday, Dec. 10, 2011, at North Ridge Village Nursing and Rehab in Albion. Funeral arrangements are pending at Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn. A full obituary will appear in Monday's edition.

P. Mildred Steckley

EDGERTON, Ohio — P. Mildred Steckley, 82, of Edgerton, Ohio, died at 1:07 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2011, at Laurels of DeKalb in Butler, where she was a resident.

Ms. Steckley was a 1946 graduate of Butler High School and for many years maintained the alumni records for the school.

She was employed by The Edgerton Earth newspaper for more than 20 years and then became activities director at Park View Nursing Center in Edgerton. She then became activities director at Evergreen Manor Nursing Center in Montpelier, Ohio, where she remained until her retirement. Mildred was a member of the Rebekkah Lodge in Hamilton and also the Edgerton Alliance Church.

She was born on April 3, 1929, in Butler to Wilson Howard and Rose Mae (Thompson) Steckley.

Survivors include a sister-in-law, Willoughby Steckley of Vincennes; four nephews and nieces; and many cousins.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Howard E. and Allen Lee Steckley, and a sister-in-law, Doris Steckley.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Krill Funeral Home in Edgerton with her nephew, Pastor Dennis Steckley, officiating. Burial will follow in Big Run Cemetery near Butler.

Calling will be at the Krill Funeral Home one hour prior to the funeral services Wednesday.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

The online register may be signed or condolences left at krillfuneralservice.com.

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Beverly Quance

AUBURN — Beverly J. Quance, 83, of Auburn died Saturday, Dec. 10, 2011, at North Ridge Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Albion.

She was born Dec. 13, 1927, in Auburn. Her parents, Harold B. and Helen I. (Carter) Bolley, both preceded her in death.

Mrs. Quance

She was a graduate of Auburn High School, class of 1945.

She married Robert B. Quance on Aug. 16, 1947, in Auburn, and he preceded her in death.

Mrs. Quance was a clerk at the Allen County Courthouse for 20 years, retiring in 1984.

She was an active member and office volunteer of the First United Methodist Church in Auburn.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Cheryl and Garth Coons of Wawaka; a son and daughter-in-law, Carter and Marty Quance of Warsaw; five grandchildren and their spouses, Aaron Quance, Melita and Cheryl Schwartz, Corban and Caitlin Quance, Lindsay and Justin Chaple, and Michelle and Ian Murphy; six great-grandchildren; and her stepmother, Melba Bolley of Mesa, Ariz.

A memorial service will take place at noon Saturday at the First United Methodist Church in Auburn, with the Rev. Ted Jansen officiating. Burial will take place in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. to noon Saturday prior to the service at the Church.

Memorials may be directed to the DeKalb County Human Shelter.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home in Auburn is handling arrangements.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.FellerandClark.com.

Sandra Fugate

KENDALLVILLE — Sandra Fugate, 60, died at her home in Kendallville Saturday evening.

Arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Curtis Yoder

GOSHEN — Curtis Lee Yoder, 4-week-old infant son of Dale and Anita (Borkholder) Yoder of Goshen, died Saturday, Dec. 10, 2011, at his residence.

Calling will be from 2-7 p.m. today at the family's residence. Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Danny Yoder residence, 63798 C.R. 37, Goshen. Burial will be in Southeast Clinton Cemetery, Goshen.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

Jerry Young

CHURUBUSCO — Jerry Lee Young, 64, died Friday, Dec. 9, 2011, at his residence in Churubusco.

Calling will be Wednesday from 9-11 a.m. at Faith Lutheran Church, 9251 E. S.R. 205, Churubusco. Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the church. Military honors will be conducted at the church.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home of Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are through Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville.

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Jerry Young

CHURUBUSCO — Jerry Lee Young, age 64, died on Friday, December 9, 2011, at his residence in Churubusco.

Mr. Young

Mr. Young was born in Kendallville, Indiana, on June 23, 1947, to the late Preston E. and Eva (Snyder) Young.

He graduated from Albion Jefferson High School in 1965 and Allied Institute of Technology in Chicago.

The Vietnam War was being fought and Jerry entered the United States Army and took his basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood in Missouri.

After basic training, he came home to get married and took Barbara Ann Deck to be his bride on December 31, 1966, in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Ege. He then left for the Vietnam War and proudly served his country from 1966-1969.

Jerry was decorated with the Purple Heart for injuries he received in battle. He also received the Vietnam Service Medal with 4 Bronze Stars, the Rifle Sharpshooter medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign medal, and the National Defense Service medal.

Jerry and Barb have lived all of their married life in Churubusco and he was employed for 36 years at Essex Wire and Cable in Columbia City.

He attended Faith Lutheran Church and was a member of the American Legion Post #157, both in Churubusco.

Jerry was a Purdue University sports fan and loved to refurbish and repair old bicycles, collect cardinal figurines, and going to garage sales.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara Young of Churubusco; his sons, SRA, John L. Young II, U.S. Air Force, and Tina Young of Columbia City and Mark E. and Jackie Young of Churubusco; his daughter, Amy and Josh Middleton of Arnold, Maryland; eight grandchildren; his brothers, Ernest and Judy Young of Fort Wayne and Dennis and Eileen Young of Columbia City; and his sister, Patricia and Bill Pontzius of Ligonier.

Visitation will be Wednesday, December 14, 2011, from 9-11 a.m. at Faith Lutheran Church, 9251 East S.R. 205 in Churubusco.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Faith Lutheran Church. Officiating the funeral service will be the Rev. Dr. Lane Burgland.

Military honors will be conducted at the church by the Churubusco American Legion honor guard and active duty troops from the Army National Guard.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home of Fort Wayne.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Lewann Carteaux

FORT WAYNE — Lewann Carteaux, 73, of Fort Wayne died Friday, Dec. 9, 2011, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Fort Wayne.

Funeral Mass will be at noon Saturday at the church. Burial will be at Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Easter Seals Arch of Allen County, Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home and Masses to the church.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Melba Fleischauer

LAGRANGE — Melba J. Fleischauer, 74, of LaGrange died Sunday, December 11, 2011, at her home.

Services are Friday at 10 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Brian VanOsdol officiating. Burial is in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is Thursday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to LaGrange Church of God.

Sandra Fugate

KENDALLVILLE — Sandra Fugate, 60, of Kendallville died Saturday, Dec. 10, 2011, at her residence.

Graveside services and burial will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Rehobeth Cemetery near Albion with Pastor Scotty Ritchie officiating.

Hite Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Daniel Cass Jr.

ROME CITY — Daniel W. Cass Jr., 85, of Sylvan Lake, Rome City, died Monday, Dec. 12, 2011, in his residence.

He retired as plant manager from Electric Cords in Wolcottville. He also worked in maintenance at the Limberlost Golf Club in Rome City.

Mr. Cass served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II in North China and Korea.

He was a lifetime member of American Legion Post 381, Rome City; VFW Post 2749, Kendallville; DAV; China Marine Association; and the Chosin Few.

He was born March 20, 1926, in Painesville, Ohio, to Daniel W. Cass Sr. and Lucille (Cottrel) Cass. On Dec. 20, 1982, in Wolcottville, he married Betty Lou Prater. She survives in Rome City.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Diane and Kelham Hawkins of Bluff City, Tenn.; a son and daughter-in-law, Wayne Andrew and Becky Cass of Lansing, Mich.; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a sister, Marjorie Bower of East Aurora, N.Y.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, and a sister

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. today at Orange Cemetery, Rome City, with Chaplain David Fiandt of American Legion Post 381 officiating. Military graveside services will be provided by American Legion Post 381, VFW Post 2749, and active duty members of the U.S. Marine Corps.

There will be no visitation.

Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Lillian Arcioni

AUBURN — Lillian W. Arcioni, 79, of Auburn, died Monday, Dec. 12, 2011, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Arcioni

Mrs. Arcioni was a cashier and meat cutter at Meijer in western Michigan before moving to Auburn. While residing in Auburn, she was an active volunteer for the Heimach Senior Center in Auburn.

She was an active member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn.

She was born March 10, 1932, in Big Bay, Mich., to Louis and Bernice (Sibery) Allen. She married Louis Arcioni on Aug. 14, 1948, in Muskegon, Mich., and he died Feb. 17, 2008.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Frank L. and Patricia Arcioni of Battle Creek, Mich., and Louis R. and Annette Arcioni of Bradenton, Fla.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Diane M. and Ernest Davis of Muskegon, Mich., and Anna M. and Mark Fox of Dayton, Ohio; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son, James A. Arcioni; two brothers; and two sisters.

A Mass of Christian burial will be at noon Thursday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn, with Father Derrick Sneyd officiating. Burial will take place at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Muskegon, Mich.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

Memorials may be directed to the Heimach Senior Center in Auburn.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

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December 13, 2011, Tuesday

Ruth Peachey

KENDALLVILLE — Ruth Mae Peachey, age 92, of Kendallville, died on Sunday, December 11, 2011, at her daughter's residence in Kendallville.

Mrs. Peachey

Mrs. Peachey was born in Toledo, Ohio, on May 28, 1919, to the late John Anthony Friedel and Theresa Cecile (McCarthy) Friedel.

She married Maxwell LeRoy Peachey on February 20, 1941, in Auburn. Mr. Peachey preceded her in death on October 6, 2009.

Most recently, Ruth was a greeter at the Kendallville Walmart store. She was also a teachers' aide at East Noble High School as well as cafeteria worker. Later, she worked at Skogmos Department Store in Butler where she was the assistant store manager.

Ruth loved doing needlework and crocheting and spending time with her family.

She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and the Rosary Sodality in Kendallville.

Survivors include three daughters, Sharron A. Johnson (Richard L.) Johnson of Williamsburg, Virginia, Diane F. Peachey of Kendallville and Carol R. Peachey of Avilla; her grandchildren, Cory Renkenberger of Kendallville; Brandon G. Johnson of Danville, Indiana; Trenton M. Johnson of Portsmouth, New Hampshire; Athena R. Barkett of Ashland, Massachusetts; and John Anthony "Tony" Renkenberger of Avilla; and her five great-grandchildren, Kyrie, Tate, Tahlia Johnson, and William and Benjamin Barkett.

She was also preceded in death by her brothers Harold, Ralph, and Paul Friedel.

Visitation will be Wednesday, December 14, 2011, from 4-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

There will be a vigil service with a rosary at 4 p.m. conducted by Father James Stroyle.

Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated on Thursday, December 15, 2011, at 10:30 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallvillem with visitation 30 minutes before the Mass begins.

Officiating the mass will be Fr. James.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Preferred memorials may be made to Provena Sacred Heart Home activity fund or the Rosary Sodality of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Send a condolence to the family or View a Video Tribute of Ruth by Wednesday at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Carol Kellar

KIMMELL — Carol M. Kellar, 55, of Kimmell, formerly of Marietta, Ohio, died Saturday, Dec. 10, 2011 at 6 a.m. at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services are Friday at 1 p.m. at McClure-Shafer-Lankford Funeral Home in Marietta with Pastor Wayne Bennett officiating. Burial is in Delzell Cemetery in Dezell, Ohio.

Calling is Wednesday from 3-6 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier, and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at McClure-Shafer-Lankford Funeral Home.

Memorials are to the family.

Carolyn Stahl

KENDALLVILLE — Carolyn S. Stahl, 72, of Kendallville died Monday, December 12, 2011, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services are at 10 a.m. Friday December 16, 201 at Feller and Clark Funeral Home in Auburn.

Calling is Thursday from 2-8 p.m.

THE NEWS SUN
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Carolyn Stahl

KENDALLVILLE — Carolyn S. Stahl, 72 of rural DeKalb County died at 3:45 p.m. on December 12th, 2011, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, with her family by her side. She was born at home on June 23, 1939, to the late Harry and Pauline (Sherwood) Hovarter.

Mrs. Stahl

Born and raised on the family farm, she attended West Richland, a two-room country school for grades 1 through 8. She was very intelligent and had leadership skills; and when in grades 6-8, if the primary grade teacher had to be gone for part of the day, Carolyn taught her four grades. This continued at the high school where she filled in for elementary teachers or the office secretary. She attended and graduated as valedictorian from Waterloo High in 1957. Her leadership and social skills resulted to being elected to various offices in high school groups: FHA, President 2; Y Teens, President 2 and Song Leader 4; Concession Store Manager, 3; Choral Ensemble, 3-4; Beta Club (predecessor of National Honor Society), Treasurer 3-4; and Co-Editor of Annual Staff, 4. She qualified for state contests in math and won numerous academic awards. She was proud being an alumna of Waterloo High and is the only classmate to have planned and attended every class reunion. Indeed, she was the Layout Editor of a booklet published in 1967 titled "Waterloo Alumni Album: 1879-1967."

Her principal urged her to go to college to become a teacher, which she'd always wanted to do, but young love won out over her scholarship, and on August 11, 1957, she married her handsome high school sweetheart, James W. Stahl. She became a supportive, loving wife and helped Jim run their farms, especially helping with field work, which she continued for years. She also worked, though young, as an executive secretary at Rieke's. Two years later she became PG, and the custom then was for an expectant mother to quit at 6 months, so she did.

Born unto this union were two daughters, Karen Sue in December of 1959, and Diane Kay in August of 1961. As a dedicated, loving mother she became very involved in what the girls were doing. At the elementary level, she volunteered as a Room Mother to help their teachers with activities, parties, holiday plays and events. She was also an officer of the PTO (Parent Teacher Organization.) In high school and college, she supported and attended their activities, be they sports, drama, academic awards, and music presentations and awards, both band and vocal. She was proud that both girls earned college degrees.

Carolyn was well-read and actively involved in music, church, and community affairs. She had a life-long interest in music, playing piano since age 5, and enjoying singing, as well. She pursued her interest in singing in high school, was a charter member of her church choir, sang in community choirs for Easter and Christmas concerts, including several years in Handel's "Messiah," sang in the Women's University Chorale while in college, and sang tenor in a female gospel quartet for 8 years. The quartet was invited to sing for inmates at Pendelton's State Penitentiary, and after getting clearance at all checkpoints, being locked in with the inmates was a bit unnerving, she said. She enjoyed going to live concerts or listening to CDs of country, southern gospel and classical instrumental music. Her song may have ended, but her melody lingers on.

She was very active in the Maple Grove United Methodist Church, where she was a former choir member, taught Sunday School and Bible School, and was MYF youth group sponsor for her church for many years. In addition, she was MYF sponsor for her sister church for 5 years. She served as the church's chair of the Outreach Mission Committee for several years and became a certified lay speaker for the North Indiana UM Conference, filling in for pastors. She and Jim personally donated the funds for building a new bedroom during the expansion of Goshen's Bashor Children's Home and dedicated the room in honor of their church.

She gave back to her community by serving on the board of the DeKalb County American Cancer Society for 8 years after winning her battle with cancer in 1982. She also drove patients to Fort Wayne for oncology treatments. She

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solicited funds for the new DeKalb High's band uniforms, and carried petitions to get direct dial phones for Corunna and Ashley patrons. She was a hard-working member of DeKalb's Cedar Creek Antique Tractor and Engine Club. She also was a member of the Model Home Extension Club, holding several offices, including President.

She turned her interest to politics, as well. When Dean Kruse first organized a Young Republicans group she and Jim joined and became actively involved. Carolyn worked in headquarters, doing whatever needed to be done. Soon she became Central Committee Secretary and did all kinds of tasks for the party locally, and served on the election boards at several State Conventions in Indianapolis. She has spoken personally to three U.S. Presidents and two Vice Presidents, and after receiving five invitations to Presidential Inaugurations, she and Jim did attend one and all the related festivities accompanying the event in Washington, D.C. She continued doing what she could for the GOP.

A gifted person, still wanting to be a teacher, she waited until her daughters were in school to enroll in college. She graduated with Highest Distinction with a Bachelor of Science degree from IUPU's Fort Wayne campus in 1974, and earned the same honor of her double Master's Degree in English and Counseling & Guidance from Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana, in 1977. She was a Life Member of IU's Alumni Association. She taught English at McIntosh Junior High in Auburn and at the new DeKalb Middle School when it opened. She served as chairwoman of the English Department until she was appointed Director of Guidance the last 11 years before retiring. She served on several NCA (National Creditation Association) teams which evaluated other middle schools in Indiana. The teams consisted of educational professionals from other schools who used their expertise for their 3-4 days of evaluation.

Carolyn always had a ready smile and an easy laugh, and was given to much encouragement and hospitality. She was respected by her colleagues and the numerous young people she influenced, many of whom maintained a friendship throughout her 30 years at school and even after she retired. Indeed, classmates, colleagues, neighbors, relatives and friends would come to her for counsel from the time she was a teen. She felt God had destined her to be a counselor as she led people into self-discovery be being good at asking people the right questions so they could find their own answers. She was a member of the National Guidance Association, the DeKalb Education Association, the Indiana State Teachers Association, the National Education Association, and the Indiana State Retired Teachers Association.

Mrs. Stahl had many varied interests, but she was basically an outdoors person. As a youngster she picked wild strawberries and black raspberries in the woods and fence rows. She got out in early spring to hunt morel mushrooms and enjoy the first glimpses of wild flowers. She was known for growing spectacular fruit, vegetable and flower gardens and sharing with family, neighbors and friends. She spent time cooking, canning and freezing her fruits and vegetables. She will be remembered as a dedicated homemaker and a talented seamstress who made lots of clothing for herself, her immediate family, and her other family members and friends. Known as the backbone of the family after her Mother died in 1983, and Bonnie, her sister-in-law, in 1984, she hosted large birthday dinners, family holiday gatherings and weekly summer potlucks at their summer cottage on Lake Gage.

Carolyn had a life-long interest in fun in the sun and water activities with her family as a child, and with her own family after she married. They usually rented a lake cottage with her brother, John's, family after school has started in September because farming was slow and more cottages were available. She and Jim had learned to water ski, but when Karen started school, September vacations ended, so they decided to buy one they could use when time permitted. They liked Lake Gage best of all the lakes where they had vacationed, as the water was clean and clear, and the lake was so beautiful. They found one they could afford and still own it today.

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She was a beloved daughter to her parents, spending lots of time with them, and as her mother always said, "being her eyes." (Pauline was blinded by a brain tumor during her pregnancy for Carolyn.) She spoke to her mother daily on the telephone, and they came to the lake frequently, often staying over. She was a cherished daughter-in-law as well, and Jim's parents came up at least weekly, as did other family members from both sides.

Usually vacations were spent at the lake, swimming, boating, water skiing (they'd taught their elementary-aged girls and many relatives and friends to ski), fishing and playing all kinds of indoor and outdoor games, puzzles and cards with the girls plus playing Euchre with adults. She had a passion for Lake Gage and talking with people, so she enjoyed both during the time and cookouts spent with family, old friends and the many new friends she had made at the lake. She had stayed at the lake lots over the summer months, and after she and Jim retired, both had stayed 5-6 months. An avid reader, she could often be seen reading in the front lawn in chairs, at her picnic table, on the seawall, or in their pontoon. Lake friends would stop and visit. Because she was very involved, she was elected to the Board of Directors of the Lake Gage-Lime Lake Association for several terms, and chaired a committee which developed a packet for new residents to the lakes.

Memorable trips not at the lake were in 1976, the nation's Bicentennial, visiting historical spots in Washington, D.C., New York, Philadelphia, Gettysburg, their two trips to California to visit friends and family in the 1980s, their trip to Hawaii in 1995, and to Atlanta, Georgia, in 1996 to attend the Olympics, and annual trips to visit Diane and her family in California after they moved there in 2002. During the fall and winter months, she became the family historian and wrote 14 different articles for the DeKalb County History Books published in 1987 and 2005. She wrote of her and Jim's forefathers from the present back to the time when they came to American in the 1700s. This took time, perseverance and research, which she was willing to do for the family's histories to be included in the publications.

Carolyn was a generous and loving grandmother, sister, and aunt, and such dear kind-hearted special friend to so many people. She was a loving and caring woman, loyal to her friends. When she knew someone was sick, she would make a special effort to send cards or visit. She loved watching her children's, grandchildren's or great-grandchildren's sports, dance and musical endeavors.

She was also a loyal Bob Knight IU Basketball fan. She and Jim had season tickets for over 20 years and often shared or took family and friends to the games. After she'd held up a positive sign about Bobby, which was caught on TV at one of the games, she was surprised to get a phone call from him and later a personal birthday card, as well. They had earned enough points from their contributions to IU scholarships that they were able to buy tickets from the Varsity Club to many NCAA Regional and Big Ten games. These points also counted in the lottery draw for the NCAA Final Four games, and they were lucky enough to get tickets to many of these games. IU's tournament games took them to many cities and states, but the spark left for the Stahl's when Bobby left, though they continued their annual donation to the IU Foundation.

Being an inspiration to her family and friends will be missed, her smile and laugh will be greatly missed, but above all, her caring and everlasting bonding will be missed most. According to a long-time friend, "She was well read and very involved, but one whose sense of curiosity never left." She was truly a "people's person," who loved spending time with friends and family at Lake Gage. In 2010, health problems did not allow them to be at the lake, and she told many how very much she missed the lake and the many friends they had made there. While she will be sadly missed, we rejoice that she is healthy, happy and enjoying her reward in heaven.

(This personal memoir was written over the past few months by Carolyn. In

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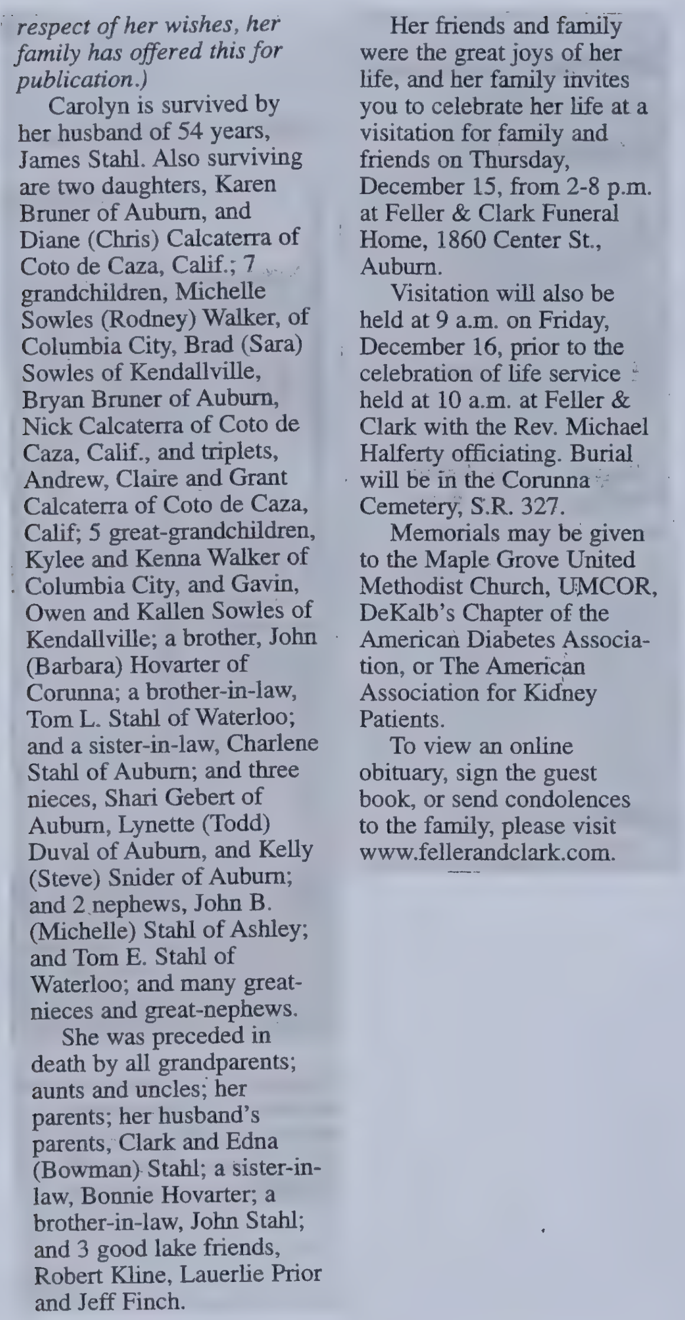

respect of her wishes, her family has offered this for publication.)

Carolyn is survived by her husband of 54 years, James Stahl. Also surviving are two daughters, Karen Bruner of Auburn, and Diane (Chris) Calcaterra of Coto de Caza, Calif.; 7 grandchildren, Michelle Sowles (Rodney) Walker, of Columbia City, Brad (Sara) Sowles of Kendallville, Bryan Bruner of Auburn, Nick Calcaterra of Coto de Caza, Calif., and triplets, Andrew, Claire and Grant Calcaterra of Coto de Caza, Calif; 5 great-grandchildren, Kylee and Kenna Walker of Columbia City, and Gavin, Owen and Kallen Sowles of Kendallville; a brother, John (Barbara) Hovarter of Corunna; a brother-in-law, Tom L. Stahl of Waterloo; and a sister-in-law, Charlene Stahl of Auburn; and three nieces, Shari Gebert of Auburn, Lynette (Todd) Duval of Auburn, and Kelly (Steve) Snider of Auburn; and 2 nephews, John B. (Michelle) Stahl of Ashley; and Tom E. Stahl of Waterloo; and many great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by all grandparents; aunts and uncles; her parents; her husband's parents, Clark and Edna (Bowman) Stahl; a sister-in-law, Bonnie Hovarter; a brother-in-law, John Stahl; and 3 good lake friends, Robert Kline, Lauerlie Prior and Jeff Finch.

Her friends and family were the great joys of her life, and her family invites you to celebrate her life at a visitation for family and friends on Thursday, December 15, from 2-8 p.m. at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 Center St., Auburn.

Visitation will also be held at 9 a.m. on Friday, December 16, prior to the celebration of life service held at 10 a.m. at Feller & Clark with the Rev. Michael Halferty officiating. Burial will be in the Corunna Cemetery, S.R. 327.

Memorials may be given to the Maple Grove United Methodist Church, UMCOR, DeKalb's Chapter of the American Diabetes Association, or The American Association for Kidney Patients.

To view an online obituary, sign the guest book, or send condolences to the family, please visit www.fellerandclark.com.

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Sandra Fugate

KENDALLVILLE — Sandra Fugate, age 60, of Kendallville died on Saturday, December 10, 2011, at her residence in Kendallville.

Mrs. Fugate

Mrs. Fugate was born in Chicago, Illinois, on June 27, 1951, to the late Thuren Richard Gentry, who died in 1994, and Dora (Campbell) Gentry Horton, who died in 2009.

Sandy started out working in the Chicago Public School System as a cafeteria manager for a few years. She also worked in a paint factory in Chicago with her cousin Phil Campbell. She mostly was a homemaker and caregiver to her children.

She loved to cook and she was the best cook in the family.

She also liked all kinds of music and music videos and she enjoyed going shopping with Serena.

Her closest friends were Sylvania Gentry of Braidwood, Illinois, and Lisa Rios and Jane Russell, both of Kendallville

Survivors include two daughters, Connie Fugate Mozena and Shayne "Buzzz" Mozena of Kendallville and Serena Carrier of Kendallville; four grandchildren, Kayla Wheeler, Serena Wheeler, and Natalee and Nathan Carrier, all of Kendallville; her brohter, Joseph and her best friend, Sylvania, Gentry of Braidwood, Illinois; her Sister, Lora Lee and Brett Gearhart of Butler; her nieces, Shelby Gentry and Taylor, Whitney and Lexi Gearhart; her nephews, Bobbie Joe Gentry and Richard Thuren Gentry; and her many cousins including, Joy-Carole Oravetz, Bethel Neace, Earl Campbell, Phil Campbell, Wanda Wallen and Evelyn Fugate.

She was also preceded in death by her aunt, Lora Fugate in 2009, and her uncle, Marion Campbell in 2010.

Graveside services and burial will be Thursday, December 15, 2011, at 2 p.m. at Rehobeth Cemetery near Albion. Officiating the service will be Pastor Scotty Ritchie from the Grace Christian Church in Kendallville.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Sandy by at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Glenda Case

MIDDLEBURY — Glenda M. Case, 79, of Middlebury died Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2011, at Elkhart Rehabilitation Center.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, with a funeral service following at 7 p.m. at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

A graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the Bremen Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Community Relief Fund of Maple City Chapel.

Amandra Warble

LAGRANGE — Amandra J. Warble, 33, of Westerville, Ohio, died Monday, Dec. 12, 2011, at her home.

Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Ruby Whittington

AUBURN — Ruby M. Whittington, 88, of Auburn died Monday, Dec. 12, 2011, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Mrs. Whittington had worked 40 years for Charleston Metal Products in Waterloo, retiring in 1990.

She was a member of County Line Church of God and in recent years attended the Christian Assembly of God Church in Butler.

She was born in Swan, Ind., on March 25, 1923, to Oscar and Marie (Wood) Christlieb. She married Linley Hawver on Sept.22, 1940, in Auburn and he died on April 17, 1981.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-aw, Don L. and Judith Hawver of Butler; a daughter and son-in-law, Roberta G. and Richard Sapp of Pleasant Lake; five grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Martha Howey of Angola and Lula Bell Sutton of Orland.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; three brothers Oscar "Buck" Christlieb, Martin Christlieb and Delbert Christlieb; and two sisters, Buelah Stayer and Mary Jane Schick.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Matthew Snodderly officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery, Garrett.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to Southern Care Hospice.

To send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

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Lester Campbell

GARRETT — Lester M. Campbell, 88, of Garrett, died on Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2011, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Garrett.

Mr. Campbell

Mr. Campbell worked for the United States Postal Service as a clerk for 25 years before retiring in 1983.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, in the Battle of the Bulge, with the 14th Armor Division.

Mr. Campbell was a member of the Garrett American Legion, where he was a Past Post Commander and a member of the VFW.

He was born Jan. 4, 1923, in DeKalb County to George A. and Hazel F. (Peters) Campbell. He married Iris J. Bryan on Aug. 2, 1947, in Garrett, and she survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are a son, David S. Campbell of Auburn; a daughter, Kathleen (Robert) Bond of Orland; a brother, Gaylord "Gus" Campbell of LaOtto; a sister, Uvonna Hensley of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Bernard and Maynard "Joe" Campbell.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Thomas Funeral Home, with the Rev. Richard Pickard officiating. A military graveside burial will follow in Cedar Creek Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Salvation Army or DeKalb County Humane Shelter

To send a condolence or to sign the online guestbook, visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org

Barbara Rowe

AUBURN — Barbara J. Bunch Rowe, 79, of Auburn died Monday, Dec. 12, 2011, at DeKalb Health in Auburn.

Mrs. Rowe

Born March 31, 1932, in Craigville, she was the daughter of the late Lawrence Wendell and Anna Louise Garton.

She had worked at Essex Wire in Auburn for 20 years and also at Renaissance in Auburn, retiring in 2001.

She was a member of Auburn Alliance Church.

Survivors include two sons, Keith Bunch of Snow Lake and Kent Bunch of Syracuse; two daughters and sons-in-law, Karen and Dan Pfister of Auburn and Katherine and Randy Rufner of Auburn; her grandchildren, Joel Pfister of Auburn, Jeremy (Kate) Pfister of Auburn, Anna (Mitchell) Schlatter of Fishers, Amanda (James) Holbrook of Auburn, Jordan Pfister of Fishers, Tyler Bunch of Naples, Fla., Travis Bunch of West Palm Beach, Fla., Shannon (Dan) Conners of Brownsburg and Stewart Rufner of Auburn; and her great-grandchildren, Kate Conners, Emma Conners, Sophia Pfister, Grace Pfister, Jane Pfister and Liam Schlatter.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Eldon Bunch in 1977; her second husband, Virgil Rowe in 2005; a grandson, Jacob Pfister; and a brother.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, with calling one hour prior, at Auburn Alliance Church, 805 Old Brick Road, Auburn. The Rev Shaun Dufault will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Visitation also will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Memorials are to Auburn Alliance Church.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.pinnington-mccomb.com

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Grace Fansler

Mrs. Fansler

FREMONT — Grace Louise Fansler, 81, of Fremont, Ind., died Monday, December 12, 2011, at her Fremont home.

Mrs. Fansler had formerly worked at Q.C. Onics in Angola, Ind.

She was an active member of Jamestown Church at Fremont, Ind., and also an active member of the Steuben County Antique Tractor Association.

Mrs. Fansler loved all of her family very much.

She was born February 6, 1930, in Hillsdale County, Michigan to Garlyn and Lura (Seiple) Firestone. They preceded her in death.

She married Clayton Fansler on March 12, 1950, at Metz, Ind. He survives in Fremont.

Surviving with her husband are her children, Gary and Lisa Fansler of Auburn, Ind., Jay and Harriet Fansler of Angola, Ind., Jan and John Coarsey of Jacksonville Beach, Fla., Tony and Pam Fansler of Rochester, Ind., Rick and Martha Fansler of Delta, Ohio, and Neal and Billie Fansler of Angola, Ind.; 13 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; four brothers, Warren, Paul, Floyd and Lloyd Firestone; and three sisters, Esther Smith, Leora Weber and Opal Maucherman.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, December 15, 2011, at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, Ind., with the Rev. Paul Metzger officiating. Burial will be in Berg Cemetery in Montgomery, Michigan.

Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. today at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Memorials are to Jamestown Church in Fremont.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Carlton Word

Mr. Word

ANGOLA — Carlton "Tubby" Word, 91, of Angola died Monday, Dec. 12, 2011, at his home.

Mr. Word had been a lifetime farmer.

He was born July 27, 1920, in Edon, Ohio, to John and Gladys (Royer) Word. He married Lila L. Tasker on March 7, 1944, in Angola. She died Sept. 4, 2007.

Surviving are a sister-in-law, Thelma Word of Montgomery, Mich.; and many nieces and nephews.

Also preceding him in death were his parents; four brothers, Kenneth, Leotis, DeWayne "Dinky" and Owen Richard "Joe"; and a nephew, Roger Word in 2005.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with Alan Word officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Association and the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

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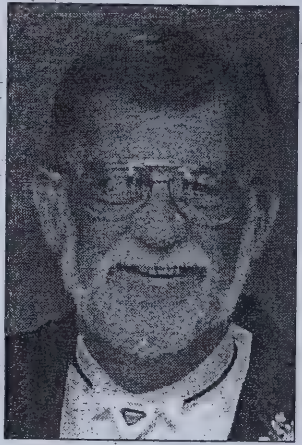
Terry L. Funk, 66



Terry L. Funk, age 66, of Wawaka, IN passed away on Tuesday, December 6, 2011 at 7:15 PM at Northridge Village in Albion, IN. He was born on December 31, 1944 to Escoe and Vina Funk in Michigan.

Terry served his country honorably in the United States Army during Vietnam.

He retired as a driver for Quality Drive Away after over 30 years of service. Terry loved Nascar, was a Huge Elvis Presley fan and was also a member of the Eagles.

He is survived by two daughters, Lisa (Steven) Hartsough of Albion and Kandi (Richard) Click of Cromwell; four grandchildren, Kristopher, Kyran, Baylee, and Kacee; and one brother, Ronald (Judy) Funk of Eau Claire, WI.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Lynnette Funk and his parents.

A cremation committal will take place at Legacy Cremation & Remembrance Center in Ligonier. All arrangements are private. Memorial contributions may be made to the family in care of Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN 46767.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

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Evelyn M. Kitchen, 86

Evelyn Mae Kitchen, age 86, of Kendallville died on Tuesday, December 6, 2011 at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

Mrs. Kitchen was born in Wawaka, Indiana on April 27, 1925 to the late Charles L. Hover and Lulu G. (Ritter) Hover Wells.

She married Doyne Aaron Kitchen on April 12, 1941 in LaGrange and he preceded her death on July 19, 2007.

Evelyn was a homemaker and along with her husband, Doyne, they owned and operated Kitchen TV and Appliance in Wolcottville for 37 years.

Evelyn enjoyed going out to eat and talking on the phone with her family and friends.

She loved spending time with her family, grandchildren and great-grandchildren especially at Christmastime.

She loved animals and her pets and spending winters in Florida.

Evelyn was a member of the Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville.

Survivors include daughters, Connie and Harold Doutt of Albion, Julie and Tim Pease of Kendallville, Vicki Lash and her companion, Curtis Setser of Kendallville; daughter-in-law, Connie Kitchen of LaGrange; eight grandchildren: Carie Beckley and her companion, Frank Hawks, both of Brimfield, Andrea and Paul Hendrixson of Cumming, Georgia, Mark and Heather Pease of Grand Haven, Michigan, Kristin Pease of Columbia City, Jeni and Jeremy Cripe of Kendallville, Angie Lash of Fort Wayne, Tara and Shanon Layne of Goshen, and Aaron and Whittany Kitchen of Kendallville; 11 great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Phyllis Brandt of Port Charlotte, Florida, and Marjorie Rowlison of LaGrange.

She was preceded in death by her son, Rodney Kitchen; her grandson, Brian Beckley; brothers: Gerald "Stub", Wally, Orval, and Delbert Hover; sisters: Mary Becker, Eva, Ruby Kile, and Elizabeth Maggart; and her step-siblings: Jim, Harry, and Keith Wells, Bea Snyder and Mary Hoover.

Funeral services were Friday, December 9, 2011 at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Steven Barht.

Burial was at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Preferred memorials may be made to Faith United Methodist Church or Noble County Humane Shelter.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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Kimberly Huff, 37

Kimberly McCoy Beechy Huff, age 37, of Topeka, formerly of Albion, IN, passed away unexpectedly following injuries sustained in an automobile accident that took place Wednesday, December 7, 2011 on SR 5 in Topeka, IN.

She was born April 5, 1974 to John and Donna (Smart) McCoy in Kendallville, IN. On September 1, 2011 she married Johnny J. Huff in LaGrange, IN.

She currently worked as an inspector at Millennium in Ligonier and had also worked at Starcraft RV in Topeka, IN.

She is survived by her husband, Johnny Huff of Topeka, IN; three children, Justin Beechy of Ligonier, IN, Jason and Brittany Beechy both of Topeka; parents, John and Donna McCoy of Albion, IN; her grandfather, Donald Smart of Kendallville, IN; two stepchildren, John Russell Huff and Sarah Huff both of Cromwell; one step-grandson, Bentley Huff.

She was preceded in death by a stillborn son, Nathan Michum.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, December 10, 2011 at Lighthouse Tabernacle, 65 E Noe St., Kimmell, IN 46732 with Pastor Glen Patrick officiating. Burial took place at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier, IN.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Lighthouse Tabernacle, 65 E Noe St., Kimmell, IN 46732.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com

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Jack I. Jarrett, 71

Jack I. Jarrett, age 71, of Kendallville died on Friday, December 9, 2011 at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

He was born in Albion on August 17, 1940 to Hanna Jarrett.

Jack graduated from Kendallville High School in 1959.

He married Sue Ann Young on June 26, 1961 in Kendallville.

Jack owned and operated Jarrett Sanitation Service in Kendallville from 1965 to 1990. He then worked for Munk Sanitation and later National Serv-All until he retired.

He was a member of the Kendallville Moose Lodge where he served as a past governor.

Survivors include his wife, Sue Ann Jarrett of Kendallville; two sons, Jeff Jarrett and James Jarrett, both of Kendallville; three grandsons, Joe and Tabby Jarrett of Stroh, Jeremy Jarrett of Pretty Lake, Tyler Jarrett of Kendallville; two great-grandsons, Braydon and Silas Jarrett; two brothers, Larry and Dorothy Jarrett of Kendallville, Leland Jarrett of Virginia; two sisters, Mary Lou and Phil Morr of Kendallville, Evelyn Tuttle of Ligonier; sister-in-law, Pat Jarrett of Highland, IN; several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother and four brothers: Alton, Lester, Harvey and Bill Jarrett.

Funeral services were Wednesday, December 14, 2011 at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Burial was at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Preferred memorials may be made to Parkview Noble Hospice.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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Oleta M. Leathers, 93

Oleta Mae "Teny" Leathers, age 93, of Albion died on Thursday, December 8, 2011 at 11:21 AM at Goshen Health Center in Goshen. She had been in failing health since last Friday.

She was born on April 18, 1918 in Middle Point, Ohio and was the daughter of James and Myrtle (Friesner) Spridgeon. She came to the Albion area in 1952 coming from Churubusco.

On September 7, 1940 she married Richard L. Leathers in Bowling Green, Kentucky. He died on May 19, 1993. She was a homemaker and a farmer's wife for her life's work.

She and her husband grew strawberries and melons on their farm.

Mrs. Leathers spent two years in Nurses Training in Troy, Ohio and was a member of the Ligonier Presbyterian Church, and the Noble County Historical Society. She enjoyed gardening, and caning chairs.

Surviving are her daughters, Sharon Leitch of Albion, Toni (Kenny) Lemish of Albion and Ginger (Bill) Peckhart of Hamilton; a brother, Gerald (Esther) Spridgeon of Middle Point, OH; grandchildren, Anisa Leitch, Anita Sherman, Timothy Lemish and Michael Lemish; six great-grandchildren and four step-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, her brother, Leo Spridgeon, and her sister, Betty Lewis.

Graveside services were on Monday, December 12, 2011 at Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne. Rev. Dan Carlson officiated.

Please make memorials to the Noble County Historical Society.

Go to brazzellfuneralhome.com to send online condolences.

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Martha L. Osbun, 83

Martha L. Osbun, 83, a resident of rural Churubusco in Noble County and wife of Everett W. Osbun, passed away at 2:40 a.m. on Tuesday, December 6, 2011 at her home in Green Township. She had been in declining health for some time, and had been seriously ill for the past week.

Mrs. Osbun was born in Green Township on April 2, 1928, a daughter of Earlin R. and Mary N. (McClain) Budd. She spent her formative years north of Churubusco in Noble County, and graduated from Churubusco High School in 1946.

On September 19, 1948 she was married in Green Township to Everett W. Osbun, and lived all of her adult life there. She had been employed in the claims department at Mutual Security Life Insurance Company in Fort Wayne, and later worked in the collections department of Fort Wayne National Bank.

She was a member of the Churubusco Church of the Nazarene, and the "Smiling Sams."

In her leisure time she enjoyed fishing, camping, and outdoor activities. She was known as an excellent cook, and also enjoyed wintering in both Texas and Florida during her retirement years.

The surviving relatives include her husband Everett W. Osbun, to whom she was married for over 63 years; her two children Terrell W. (Cathy) Osbun of Columbia City and Marla (Phillip) Wall of Fort Wayne; two sisters Evelyn (Ross) Clouse of Churubusco and Lavon Renkenberger of Kendallville; six grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister Lucille W. Bricker.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, December 8, 2011, at Churubusco Church of the Nazarene with Pastor Paul D. White, officiating.

Interment was in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the Churubusco Church of the Nazarene, 1000 W. Whitley Street, Churubusco, IN 46723.

To leave an online condolence for the family in Mrs. Osbun's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net

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Connie K. Parsons, 57

Connie K. Parsons, age 57, of Cromwell, IN passed away on Tuesday, December 6, 2011 at her home. She was born on February 3, 1954 to Oscar Edward and Marguerite Irene (Randol) Kline in Kendallville, IN.

Ms. Parsons was a homemaker and also attended meetings of Jehovah's Witnesses. She enjoyed trips to the dunes, playing guitar, singing, both making dinner and dining out. Above all she enjoyed spending time with her loved ones. She will always be remembered for her kind heart towards others.

She is survived by two daughters, April (Andy) Johnson of Cromwell, Cheyenne (Bobby) Fetters of Cromwell; three sons, Rusty (Chanthima) Collins of Albion, Oscar Collins and companion Shawna of Muncie, Andy (Rebekah) Collins of North Webster; 10 grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; one sister, Karen (Charles) Anglin of Cromwell; three brothers, Calvin (Julie) Kline of Syracuse, Randy Kline of Ligonier, Rick (Patricia) Kline of Knox; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Kenny Kline.

There was a funeral service in Mrs. Parsons' honor on Saturday, December 10, 2011 at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier with her brother, Rick Kline officiating. Burial took place at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorial contributions are to the Connie Parsons Memorial Fund.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com

ALBION NEW ERA
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Diane E. Padgitt, 60

Diane Elaine Padgitt, 60 of Fort Wayne and formerly of Avilla died on Wednesday, December 7, 2011 at 1:10 P.M. at the Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne. Ms. Padgitt had been battling cancer since April of this year.

She was born on December 26, 1950 in Fort Wayne, Indiana and was the daughter of

Everett and Rose Mary (Swaim) Padgitt. She has lived in Fort Wayne for the past 40 years coming from Avilla. She graduated from East Noble High School in the Class of 1969, and has worked at different Nursing Facilities as a Licensed Practical Nurse for the past 35 years.

She attended Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla, and was a definite people person, she loved to be around people. She loved butterflies, bunnies and listening to music.

Surviving are her father, Everett Padgitt of Avilla; her aunt, Jeanne Hissem of Avilla; her cousin, Betty Pearson of Albion; and all of her loyal and supportive friends.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Rose Mary Padgitt on May 11, 1991 and her grandparents.

Funeral services were on Sunday at Brazzell Funeral Home Avilla Chapel. The Rev. Larry R. Williams officiated the service.

Cremation was to follow.

The family suggests preferred memorials be directed to Cancer Services of North East Indiana.

Go to brazzellfuneralhome.com to send online condolences.

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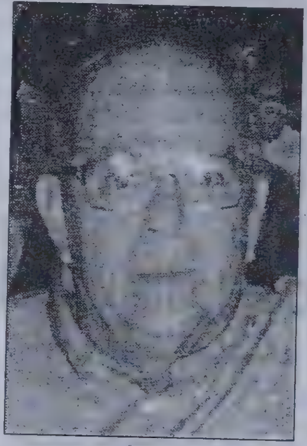
Jerry L. Young, 64



Jerry Lee Young, age 64, died on Friday, December 9, 2011 at his residence in Churubusco. Mr. Young was born in Kendallville, IN on June 23, 1947 to the late Preston E. and Eva (Snyder) Young. He graduated from Albion Jefferson High School in 1965 and Allied Institute of Technology in Chicago.

The Vietnam War was being fought and Jerry entered the United States Army and took his basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood in Missouri.

After basic training, he came home to get married and took Barbara Ann Deck to be his bride on December 31, 1966 in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Ege.

He then left for the Vietnam War and proudly served his country from 1966-1969.

Jerry was decorated with the Purple Heart for injuries he received in battle. He also received the Vietnam Service Medal with 4 Bronze Stars, the Rifle Sharpshooter medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign medal, and the National Defense Service medal.

Jerry and Barb have lived all of their married life in Churubusco and he was employed for 36 years at Essex Wire and Cable in Columbia City.

He attended Faith Lutheran Church and was a member of the American Legion Post #157 both in Churubusco.

Jerry was a Purdue University sports fan and loved to refurbish and repair old bicycles, collect cardinal figurines, and going to garage sales.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara Young of Churubusco; sons, SRA, John L., II, U.S. Air Force, and Tina Young of Columbia City, Mark E. and Jackie Young of Churubusco; daughter, Amy and Josh Middleton of Arnold, Maryland; eight grandchildren; brothers, Ernest and Judy Young of Fort Wayne, Dennis and Eileen Young of Columbia City; sister, Patricia and Bill Pontzius of Ligonier.

Funeral services were Wednesday at Faith Lutheran Church.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Dr. Lane Burgland.

Military honors were conducted at the church by the Churubusco American Legion honor guard and active duty troops from the Army National Guard.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home of Fort Wayne.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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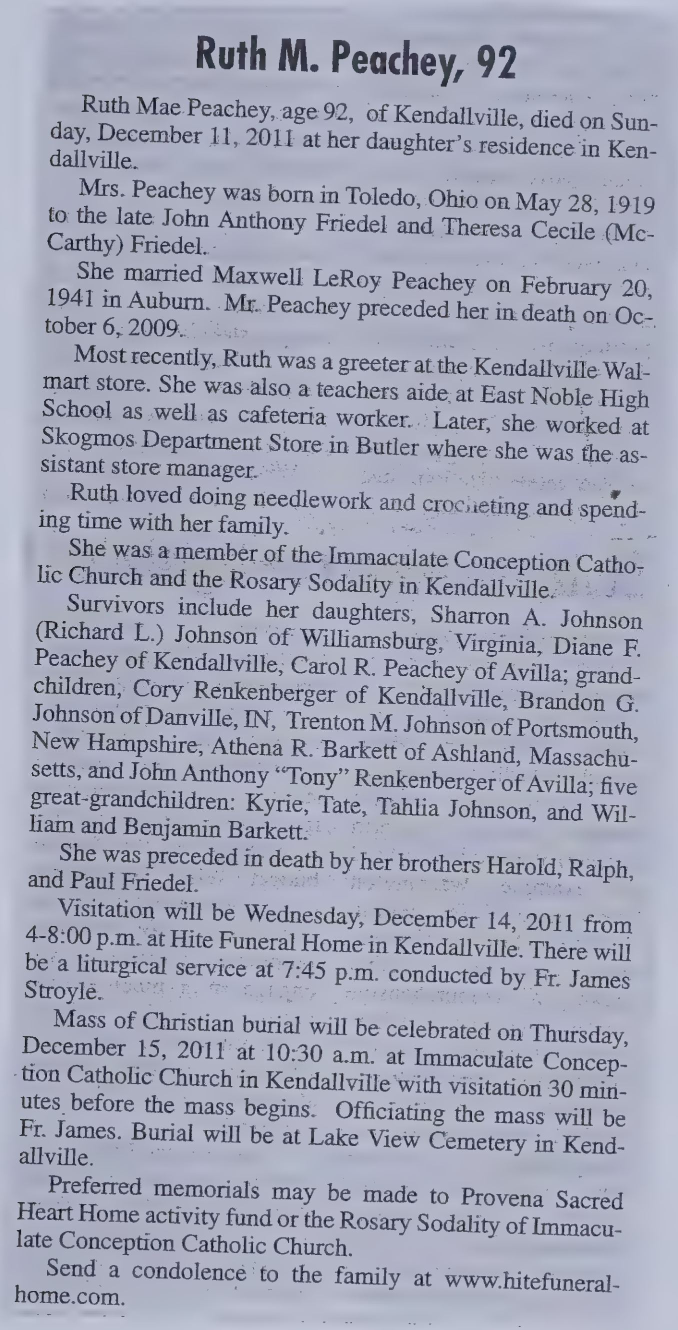

Ruth M. Peachey, 92

Ruth Mae Peachey, age 92, of Kendallville, died on Sunday, December 11, 2011 at her daughter's residence in Kendallville.

Mrs. Peachey was born in Toledo, Ohio on May 28, 1919 to the late John Anthony Friedel and Theresa Cecile (McCarthy) Friedel.

She married Maxwell LeRoy Peachey on February 20, 1941 in Auburn. Mr. Peachey preceded her in death on October 6, 2009.

Most recently, Ruth was a greeter at the Kendallville Walmart store. She was also a teachers aide at East Noble High School as well as cafeteria worker. Later, she worked at Skogmos Department Store in Butler where she was the assistant store manager.

Ruth loved doing needlework and crocheting and spending time with her family.

She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and the Rosary Sodality in Kendallville.

Survivors include her daughters, Sharron A. Johnson (Richard L.) Johnson of Williamsburg, Virginia, Diane F. Peachey of Kendallville, Carol R. Peachey of Avilla; grandchildren, Cory Renkenberger of Kendallville, Brandon G. Johnson of Danville, IN, Trenton M. Johnson of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, Athena R. Barkett of Ashland, Massachusetts, and John Anthony "Tony" Renkenberger of Avilla; five great-grandchildren: Kyrie, Tate, Tahlia Johnson, and William and Benjamin Barkett.

She was preceded in death by her brothers Harold, Ralph, and Paul Friedel.

Visitation will be Wednesday, December 14, 2011 from 4-8:00 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. There will be a liturgical service at 7:45 p.m. conducted by Fr. James Stroyle.

Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated on Thursday, December 15, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville with visitation 30 minutes before the mass begins. Officiating the mass will be Fr. James. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Preferred memorials may be made to Provena Sacred Heart Home activity fund or the Rosary Sodality of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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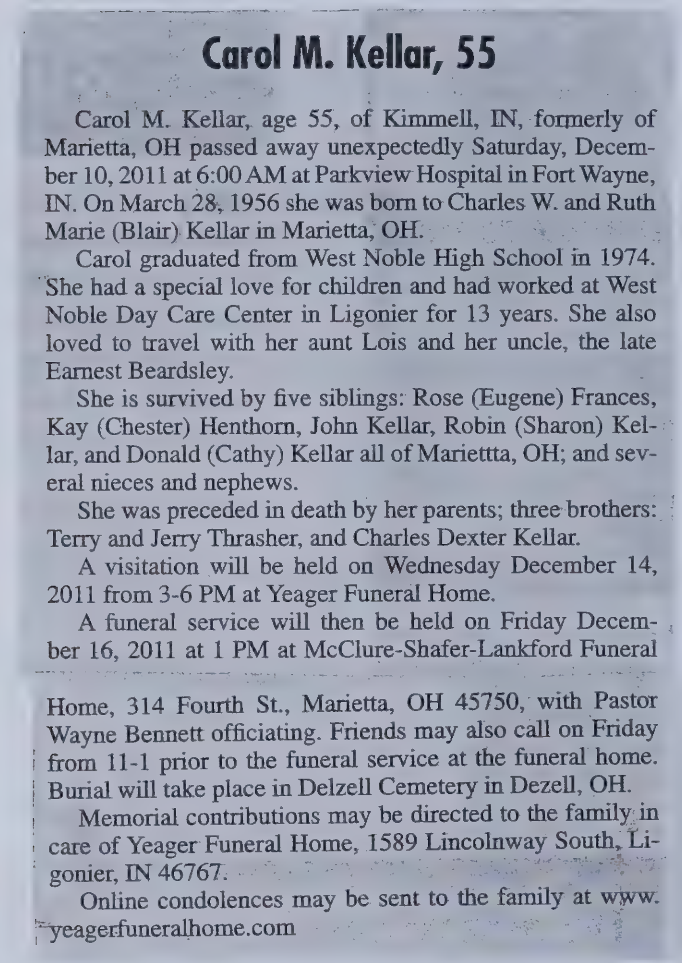

Carol M. Kellar, 55

Carol M. Kellar, age 55, of Kimmell, IN, formerly of Marietta, OH passed away unexpectedly Saturday, December 10, 2011 at 6:00 AM at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, IN. On March 28, 1956 she was born to Charles W. and Ruth Marie (Blair) Kellar in Marietta, OH.

Carol graduated from West Noble High School in 1974. She had a special love for children and had worked at West Noble Day Care Center in Ligonier for 13 years. She also loved to travel with her aunt Lois and her uncle, the late Earnest Beardsley.

She is survived by five siblings: Rose (Eugene) Frances, Kay (Chester) Henthorn, John Kellar, Robin (Sharon) Kellar, and Donald (Cathy) Kellar all of Mariettta, OH; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers: Terry and Jerry Thrasher, and Charles Dexter Kellar.

A visitation will be held on Wednesday December 14, 2011 from 3-6 PM at Yeager Funeral Home.

A funeral service will then be held on Friday December 16, 2011 at 1 PM at McClure-Shafer-Lankford Funeral Home, 314 Fourth St., Marietta, OH 45750, with Pastor Wayne Bennett officiating. Friends may also call on Friday from 11-1 prior to the funeral service at the funeral home. Burial will take place in Delzell Cemetery in Dezell, OH.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the family in care of Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN 46767.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com

ALBION NEW ERA
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Sandra Fugate, 60

Sandra Fugate, age 60, of Kendallville died on Saturday, December 10, 2011 at her residence in Kendallville.

Mrs. Fugate was born in Chicago, Illinois on June 27, 1951 to the late Thuren Richard Gentry, who died in 1994 and Dora (Campbell) Gentry Horton who died in 2009.

Sandy started out working in the Chicago Public School System as a cafeteria manager for a few years. She also worked in a paint factory in Chicago with her cousin Phil Campbell. She mostly was a homemaker and caregiver to her children. She loved to cook and she was the best cook in the family. She also liked all kinds of music and music videos and she enjoyed going shopping with Serena.

Survivors include daughters, Connie Fugate Mozena and Shayne "Buzzz" Mozena of Kendallville, Serena Carrier of Kendallville; four grandchildren: Kayla Wheeler, Serena Wheeler, Natalee and Nathan Carrier all of Kendallville; brother, Joseph and her best friend, Sylvania Gentry of Braidwood, Illinois; sister, Lora Lee and Brett Gearhart of Butler; nieces, Shelby Gentry and Taylor, Whitney and Lexi Gearhart; nephews, Bobbie Joe Gentry and Richard Thuren Gentry; many cousins including: Joy-Carole Oravetz, Bethel Neace, Earl Campbell, Phil Campbell, Wanda Wallen and Evelyn Fugate.

She was preceded in death by her aunt, Lora Fugate (2009) and her uncle, Marion Campbell (2010).

Graveside services and burial will be Thursday, December 15, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. at Rehobeth Cemetery near Albion.

Officiating the service will be Pastor Scotty Ritchie from the Grace Christian Church in Kendallville.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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Earl Rinehart

FREMONT — Earl Wendall Rinehart, 94, of Fremont died Wednesday, December 14, 2011, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

He had lived most of his life in Angola and had lived in Pinellas Park, Florida, Fremont and Kendallville. He spent the last number of years at the Brockville Commons in Fremont.

Mr. Rinehart retired from Modern Tool & Die in St. Petersburg, Fla. He had also formerly worked at Weatherhead in Angola for 20 years.

He had attended Peace Lutheran Church in Fremont and Fremont United Methodist Church.

His hobbies included visiting the coffee shops in Fremont.

He was born March 22, 1917, in Angola, Ind., to Emanuel and Irene C. (Diamond) Rinehart. They preceded him in death.

He married Charlotte Marie Hildebrand on December 24, 1943, at Coldwater, Mich. She preceded him in death on August 29, 2008.

Surviving are three sons, Donald and Audrey Rinehart of Fremont, Ind., Paul and Clara Rinehart of Kendallville and Richard Rinehart of St. Petersburg, Fla.; nine grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

Along with his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Eva and Pauline; three brothers, Joseph, Russell and Sheldon; and a great-grandson.

There will be no funeral services or visitation.

A graveside service will be held at a later date at South Scott Cemetery in Angola.

Memorials are to Lakeland Rehabilitation Center in care of Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Beams Funeral Home in Fremont is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome. com.

Richard Hocker Jr.

ANGOLA —Richard Alden Hocker Jr., 66, of Angola, Indiana, passed away on December 12, 2011, in Sarasota, Florida, after a month-long illness.

Mr. Hocker

Richard was born March 23, 1945, to Rose Ellen (Inbody) and Richard A. Hocker Sr. in Tiffin, Ohio.

He is survived by Barbara, his wife of 46 years; a daughter, Wendy (Mark) Stafford, and her children Macey, Madeline and Mark II; a son, Robert Hocker and his children, Richard, A.J., Joshua and Rose. Also surviving are a brother, Jeffrey (Arvilla) Hocker; and three sisters, Julie White, Susi Kincaid and Sandra Yoder.

He was a member of the U.S. Air Force for 4 1/2 years (1963 to 1968). Mr. Hocker served in England for 2 1/2 years of that period.

He was a local business owner. He and his wife owned Angola Canvas Company for 33 years.

"When someone you love from the bottom of Your heart becomes a memory, the memory becomes a TREASURE, deep within our hearts. God left us with memories to hold and love within our hearts to cherish always."

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, December 17, 2011, at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, Indiana, with his nephew, Pastor Jason Kincaid of the First Assembly of God Church, Goshen, Indiana, officiating.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. prior to the service on Saturday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola, Indiana.

Memorials may be made to the Steuben County Humane Society, 1700 N. C.R. 200W, Angola, IN 46703 and to Defiance College General Scholarship Fund in memory of Richard A. Hocker Jr., 701 N. Clinton St., Defiance, OH 43512..

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is handling the arrangements.

You may sign the guestbook at www.weichtfh. com.

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Pearl Peterson

CROMWELL — Pearl Peterson, age 84, of Cromwell, Ind., passed away on Wednesday, December 14, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Mrs. Peterson

She was born on May 3, 1927, to Herman and Mary E. (Martin) Neumann in Fort Wayne, Ind. On June 30, 1946, she married Gilbert Hoffman and he preceded her in death. She later married Paul Peterson. He also preceded her in death.

Mrs. Peterson moved to the area in 1962, coming from Fort Wayne.

She retired from Union Products.

Mrs. Peterson attended the Ligonier Evangelical Church.

She enjoyed golf, antiques and her grandchildren.

She is survived by her children, Suzanne (Patrick) Teders of Avilla, Sandra Hossler of Albion, Darlene (Eldon) Ralston of LaGrange, Pete (Lisa) Hoffman of Fort Wayne, and Carla Myers of Pembroke Pines, Fla.; a stepson, Gerald Peterson of Salt Lake City, Utah; her grandchildren, Mike (Kathy) Teders of Mooresville, Kristy (George) Piche`of Camby, Jeff (Amy) Hossler of Columbia City, Deb (Chuck) Swihart of Syracuse, Tammy (Rodney) Reed of Sturgis, Mich., Tony (Laura) Brandenburg of Fort Wayne, Andrew Hoffman of Chicago, Justin Hoffman of Fort Wayne, and Krystle (Mike) Rasumoff of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; her great-grandchildren, Alex and Grace Teders, Katelyn and Gabrielle Piche`, Fawnda Reed, Faith and Aric Swihart, Lily Mae Brandenburg, Gavin Rasumoff; her stepgrandchildren, Chaz and Jonathon Swihart, Mandy Miller, Whitney, and Charlie and Alayna Sitts; one brother, Mearl (Jeanne) Neumann; and two sisters, Betty Moldthan and Donna Belle Wright.

She was also preceded in death by six siblings, Mary Ann, Katherine, Donna Jean, Virginia, Imogene and Eugene.

There will be a funeral service held in Mrs. Peterson's honor on Saturday, December 17, 2011, at 2 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, with Pastor Troy Diersing officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell, Ind.

A time of visitation will be held on Saturday, December 17, 2011, at Yeager Funeral Home from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. prior to the funeral service.

Memorial donations are to the Ligonier Evangelical Church, 1911 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN 46767.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Amandra Warble

HOWE — Amandra J. Warble, age 33, of Westerville, Ohio, and previously of Howe died unexpectedly Monday, December 12, 2011, at her residence.

Ms. Warble

She was born on July 19, 1978, in Sturgis, Mich., to Bill and Mary (Miller) Warble.

She was a 1997 graduate of Lakeland High School and attended the University of Northwestern Ohio in Lima, Ohio, where she received an associate degree.

She was employed at U.S. Sportsman Alliance in Columbus, Ohio, as an office assistant.

She was a loving mommy to her 5-year-old son.

She is survived by her parents of Howe; one son, Nicholas Lazar of Westerville, Ohio; one sister, Heather and John Maguire of Howe, Ind.; her grandparents, Tom and Willadean Warble of Howe, Ind.; and her nieces and nephew, Connor, Ava, Caitlyn.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Amos and Arvada Miller.

Visitation will be held on Friday, December 16, 2011, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange, Ind. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home with the Pastor Dwight Kauffman of the English Prairie Church of the Brethren, Brighton, Ind., officiating.

Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange, Ind.

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Marion Yoder

GOSHEN — Marion H. Yoder, 59, of Goshen died Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2011, at the scene of an auto/buggy accident at the intersection of C.R. 31 and C.R. 38 in Goshen.

Visitation will be after noon Saturday and all day Sunday at the family residence at 61392 C.R. 33, Goshen.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the Sam Miller residence, 14704 C.R. 28, Goshen.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Harlan Kriete

ANGOLA — Harlan "Bill" Kriete died Wednesday, December 14, 2011, at home.

Services are at 11 a.m. Saturday at Calvary Lutheran Church in Angola with the Rev. Angela Shannon officiating. Burial is in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home, Angola, and one hour before the service at the church.

Memorials are to Calvary Lutheran Church and Pancreatic Cancer Research Network.

Leonard Worthington

ANGOLA — Leonard W. Worthington, 67, of Angola died Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2011, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

A full obituary will appear in Friday's edition.

Dean Yoder

GOSHEN — Dean Jay Yoder, 37, of Goshen died Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2011, at his home.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the Noah Bontrager residence, 62800 C.R. 43, Goshen. Burial will be in Southeast Clinton Cemetery at Goshen.

Visitation will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Friday at the family residence, 62495 C.R. 43, Goshen.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

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One dies in crash near Cromwell

Topeka woman, 77, was passenger

BY BOB BRALEY
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CROMWELL — A Topeka woman died in a two-vehicle crash near Cromwell Thursday morning, the Noble County Sheriff's Department said.

Geraldine L. Gloor, 77, was pronounced dead at the scene of the collision at the intersection of S.R. 5 and C.R. 200N.

Police said Robert Heaton, 44, of Columbia City was driving eastbound on C.R. 200N when he stopped at S.R. 5, looked for oncoming traffic, but failed to see a northbound 2001 Honda Accord. Heaton pulled his 1998 Chevy into the path of the Honda, which struck the Chevy.

Gloor was riding as a rear-seat passenger in the Honda.

She was wearing her seatbelt, police said.

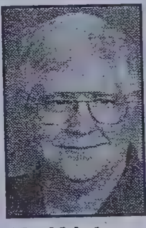
The Honda's driver, Daniel Pruitt, 58, of Topeka, and front-seat passenger, Brenda Pruitt, 58, of the same address as Daniel Pruitt, both complained of chest pain after the accident and were transported to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, deputies said.

A call reporting the crash to 911 came at 11:29 a.m., Noble County dispatch records said.

Daniel and Brenda Pruitt were not listed in the Parkview Hospital directory Thursday afternoon.

AN EARLY VERSION *of this story was posted on kpcnews.com at 2 p.m. Thursday.*

Harlan Kriete


Mr. Kriete

ANGOLA — Local entrepreneur and businessman Harlan "Bill" Kriete passed away Wednesday, December 14, 2011, at his home surrounded by his loving family.

Survivors include his wife and soul mate of 45 years, Donna; his beloved daughters and sons-in-law, Susan and Jason Hosford of Albion, Indiana, and Andrea and Matt Millard of Byron Center, Michigan; his four grandchildren who brought much joy to him, Madelyn and Jeffrey Hosford and Anna and Mark Millard; his little brother and sister-in-law, Rev. Robert and Nancy Kriete of Union, Mo.; and his sister-in-law, Jan Harmon of Angola. Also surviving are his family of Williams Electronics, LLC and WMS Electronics, LLC employees.

Bill was born on May 4, 1946, to Harlan F. and Emma Marie "Curley" (Bartlett) Kriete in Seymour, Indiana. They preceded him in death.

Also preceding him were his in-laws, Roy and Ruth Harmon.

Bill and Donna were married September 17, 1966 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Seymour, Indiana.

He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1966-1970 and attained the rank of Staff Sergeant. He served in Colorado, Vietnam, the Philippines and Florida. He then returned to Tri-State University and graduated as an Electrical Engineer in 1974.

Bill worked for D&L Communications in Fort Wayne for several years, and then in 1998 started his own company, Williams Electronics LLC. In 2010, WMS Electronics in Kokomo opened. Since that time locations in both Fort Wayne and Columbus, Indiana, were opened.

Bill was an active member of Calvary Lutheran Church, Angola, serving as its sound technician for several years. He had also served on the church council. He was a member of Land of Lakes Lions Club.

Bill enjoyed amateur radio and had been an operator since 1966.

Bill survived pancreatic cancer for two and a half years, his never give up attitude was an inspiration. His indomitable spirit will remain with all who knew and loved him.

Services will be Saturday, December 17, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church, 1300 Williams St. Angola, with calling 1 hour prior to services, with the Rev. Angela Shannon officiating.

Visitation will be held Friday, December 16, 2011, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home, 108 S. West St., Angola, Indiana. Burial will take place at Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Memorials may be given to Calvary Lutheran Church or Pancreatic Cancer Research Network.

To sign a guest book or to leave condolences please go to: www.hejohnsonfh.com.

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Rev. Terry Zolman

ALBION — Rev. Terry L. Zolman, 64, a resident of rural Albion and senior pastor of the Merriam Christian Chapel passed away at 10:05 p.m. on Wednesday, December 14, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had suffered a serious fall on Friday, and had been hospitalized since that time.

Rev. Zolman

Pastor Zolman was born in Fort Wayne on July 31, 1947, a son of Clyde D. and Beulah Ella (Shaffer) Zolman. He spent his formative years in Smith Township, and graduated from Churubusco High School in 1965. As a young man he attended Appalachian Bible College, the Moody Bible Institute, and later graduated from Fort Wayne Bible College.

On August 12, 1967, he was married in Merriam to Julie A. Herron. The couple have lived most of their adult lives in rural Noble County.

He had worked at Bonar Construction, served for four years as a missionary to New Zealand, and had been the senior pastor of the Merriam Christian Chapel since 1979. Known as a gifted counselor and teacher, he loved and cherished his family, and most importantly had a lifelong passion for sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He was a member of the Merriam Christian Chapel, and served as president of the Spanish World Gospel Mission in Winona Lake.

The surviving relatives include his wife Julie; three children, Chad (Christine) Zolman of Fort Wayne and Tera (Tim) Andrews and Bryce (Cori) Zolman, both of rural Albion; four siblings, Barbara Lou (Donald) Bonar of Columbia City, Dean E. (Sharon) Zolman of Churubusco, and Nick L. (Elaine) Zolman and DeLara (Larry) Miller, both of Columbia City; and 15 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 17, 2011, in the Merriam Christian Chapel, 3985 South U.S. 33, with Pastors Steve Pulley and Dwayne Berna, officiating.

The family will receive friends in the church multi-purpose room on Friday from 2 to 8 p.m., and one hour prior to the service Saturday morning.

Interment will be in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the Merriam Christian Chapel Missions Fund, 3985 South U.S. 33, Albion, IN 46701

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of the arrangements.

To leave an online condolence for the family in Pastor Zolman's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Louise Knudsen

ANGOLA — Louise J. Knudsen, 99, of Angola, Ind., died Wednesday, December 14, 2011, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola, Ind.

Mrs. Knudsen had been a homemaker in her own home.

She was a member of the Angola Church of Christ.

Mrs. Knudsen was a 50-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Lake Michigan Chapter in Michigan City, Ind.

She was born February 1, 1912, in Calumet, Michigan, to John Leland and Lyle (Jones) Richards.

Her husband, Walter Knudsen, died in 1976.

Surviving are a son-in-law, John Howell of Angola, Ind.; a granddaughter, Cheryl Donaldson of Tampa, Fla.; a great-granddaughter, Annaliese Donaldson-Pham of Tampa, Fla.; and a sister, Myrle Seaverins.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Walter Knudsen Jr. in 1935; two daughters, Marilu Donaldson in 2007 and Carol Howell in 2009; a son-in-law, Dwight Donaldson in 2003; and a grandson, Tom Donaldson in 1973.

Private services will be held at a later date.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola, Ind.

Memorial donations may be made to Lakeland Nursing Center in memory of Louise J. Knudsen.

Arrangements are being handled by the Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, Ind.

You may sign the guestbook at www.weichtfuneralhome.com.

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Carolyn Stahl

KENDALLVILLE — Carolyn S. Stahl, 72, of rural DeKalb County died at 3:45 p.m. on December 12, 2011, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, with her family by her side.

Mrs. Stahl

She was born at home on June 23, 1939, to the late Harry and Pauline (Sherwood) Hovarter.

Carolyn is survived by her husband of 54 years, James Stahl. Also surviving are two daughters, Karen Bruner of Auburn, and Diane (Chris) Calcaterra of Coto de Caza, Calif.; seven grandchildren, Michelle Sowles (Rodney) Walker of Columbia City, Brad (Sara) Sowles of Kendallville, Bryan Bruner of Auburn, Nick Calcaterra of Coto de Caza, Calif., and triplets, Andrew, Claire and Grant Calcaterra of Coto de Caza, Calif; five great-grandchildren, Kylee and Kenna Walker of Columbia City, and Gavin, Owen and Kallen Sowles of Kendallville; a brother, John (Barbara) Hovarter of Corunna; a brother-in-law, Tom L. Stahl of Waterloo; and two sisters-in-law, Charlene Stahl of Auburn and Shirley (Don) Anweiler of Austin, Texas; three nieces, Shari Gebert of Auburn, Lynette (Todd) Duval of Auburn, and Kelly (Steve) Snider of Auburn; three nephews, John B. (Michelle) Stahl of Ashley, Tom E. Stahl of Waterloo and Derek (Katie) Anweiler of Austin, Texas; and many great-nieces and great-nephews.

Visitation will be held at 9 a.m. today, Friday, December 16, prior to the celebration of life service held at 10 a.m. at Feller & Clark Funeral Home in Auburn, with the Rev. Michael Halferty officiating.

Burial will be in the Corunna Cemetery, S.R. 327.

Memorials may be given to the Maple Grove United Methodist Church, UMCOR, DeKalb's Chapter of the American Diabetes Association, or The American Association for Kidney Patients.

Leonard Worthington

ANGOLA — Leonard W. "Jody" Worthington, 67, of Angola, Indiana, passed away Tuesday, December 13, 2011, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Mr. Worthington

He was born October 16, 1944, to Leonard W. and Nila (Favourite) Worthington in Angola, Indiana.

Jody was the loving husband and best friend for 27 years of Judy (Sherman) whom he married on August 28, 1999.

He loved the outdoors, fishing tournaments, hunting, and mushroom hunting.

He was in the Steuben County Bass Masters Club and was Angler of the Year in 1999. He was an avid deer hunter with a prized 8 point buck that was taken and recorded in the Hoosier Record Buck Program/Indiana Deer Hunters Association in 2002. He also received recognition for a beaver that is currently displayed at the Pokagon State Park Inn.

He loved to share his knowledge of hunting and his fishing secrets.

He retired after 28 years from the Indiana State Highway Department.

Jody is survived by his loving wife Judy Worthington of Angola; one son and daughter-in-law, Tony and Cathy Worthington of Angola; and two granddaughters, Amber and Tiffany.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Robert Worthington and Richard Worthington.

A celebration of life visitation will be held from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. on Monday, December 19, 2011, at the Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, Indiana.

Memorials may be made to the Steuben County Cancer Association, P.O. Box 28, Angola, IN 46703.

Sign a guestbook at www.weichtfh.com.

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Wayne Beerbower

Mr. Beerbower

GRABILL — Wayne A. Beerbower, 99, of Grabill, Ind., died Monday, December 12, 2011, at The Cedars in Leo surrounded by the love and care of family, friends and staff.

He was born on May 1, 1912, in Scipio Township, Allen County, Indiana, to A.P. and Eva Beerbower, who preceded him in death. He was raised on the family farm with seven brothers and sisters.

After graduation from Hicksville High School, Hicksville, Ohio, he began his work career at the Fort Wayne Post Office.

He married Irene Lake of Harlan, Indiana, on May 18, 1935. She also preceded him in death in 1995.

He later became plant manager of Fort Wayne Coca Cola bottling plant. In 1946, he and Irene purchased the Hi-Record Hatchery in Grabill and operated it until his retirement in 1982. He helped develop the broiler and egg industry in this area.

The family took many vacations in the United States. Wayne and Irene traveled extensively around the world, always meeting and learning about interesting people and cultures. Family and friends will miss Wayne's great stories, card games, snowmobile trips and fun at Oliver Lake.

He is survived by a son, Robert (Neva) Beerbower of Fort Wayne; daughters, Joanne Beerbower of Grabill; Mary (Mike) Smith of Corunna and Kathryn (Robert) Coon of Baton Rouge, La.; nine grandchildren; 19 great grandchildren; a sister, Anna Mae Rediger of Auburn; brothers, Ray Beerbower and Russell (Nellie) Beerbower, both of Antwerp, Ohio; sisters-in-law, Alice Beerbower and Juanita Lake, both of Fort Wayne; a brother-in-law, Willard Green of Antwerp, Ohio; and many nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Opal Green; and brothers, Carlin, Guy and Owen Beerbower.

He was a member of Leo United Methodist Church; charter member of Cedar Creek Lions Club; Leo Masonic Lodge and the Scottish Rite. He was also a former board member of Parkview Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services will be held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, December 17, 2011, at Leo United Methodist Church, Leo, Ind., with the Rev. David Heim officiating.

Visitation will be 1 hour before services at the church and also from 2-4 and 6-8 today, Friday, December 16, 2011, at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road.

Memorials may be directed to Leo United Methodist Church.

To leave online condolences, please visit www.hockemeyermillerfh.com.

Daniel Beiswanger

FORT WAYNE — Daniel J. Beiswanger, 67, of Kendallville died Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2011, at his home in Fort Wayne.

Visitation will be from 2-7 p.m. Sunday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Noble County 4-H Horse & Pony Saddle Club or the Arcola Truck and Tractor Pull Association.

A full obituary will appear in Saturday's edition.

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Frances Stayner

CLEVELAND, Ohio — Frances J. Stayner, 87, of Cleveland, Ohio, passed away Wednesday, December 14, 2011, at Lakewood Hospital, Lakewood, Ohio.

She was born March 14, 1924, to William G. and Audra L. (Abbott) Stayner on the family farm in Flint, Steuben County, Indiana.

She was a member of the Lakewood United Methodist Church in Lakewood, Ohio.

Frances was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

She is survived by her two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Sandy Stayner of Cheshire, Connecticut, and Floyd and Debee Stayner of Columbia, South Carolina; one daughter, Jane Stayner of Cleveland, Ohio; two grandchildren, Bethany and Dan Duvall and Matthew Stayner; three great-grandchildren, Adam Duvall, Madelyn Duvall and Gavin Duvall; one sister Mary Ellen Holland; and three sisters-in-law, Joan Stayner, Margaret Stayner and Virginia Stayner.

Frances is preceded in death by her parents; her beloved husband, Allison F. Stayner; and her two brothers, William L. Stayner and Wendell L. Stayner.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, December 20, 2011, at the Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola, Ind., with Pastor Tim Terrell officiating.

Burial will be in Jackson Prairie Cemetery, Steuben County, Indiana.

Memorial donations may be made to the Lake Gage Congregational Church or Ronald McDonald Charities.

The *family of Sandra Fugate* would like to send a very special "Thank You" to Sandy's caregivers, Katie Herendeen and Melody Morrison from Parkview Noble Hospice for their excellent care of Sandy during her last days. Also, "Thank You" to Corey from Advanced Healthcare for his friendship and concern and to Brian DeCamp at Hite Funeral Home for his care and compassion. Also to Pastor Scotty Ritchie from Grace Christian Church for being with us in our time of need. We will be forever grateful to you.

Thomas Vice

AVILLA — Thomas Wayne Vice, age 77, died Wednesday, December 14, 2011, At 9:30 a.m. at his home in Avilla.

He was born on November 6, 1934, in Steuben County, Indiana, and was the son of Kenneth N. and Anna (Curtland) Vice. He has lived in Avilla for 53 years coming from Pleasant Lake.

On August 9, 1952, he married Janet E. Vice at the Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla. She died on June 24, 2007.

Mr. Vice started out as a plasterer for Peter Parker then went on to own Wayne Vice Plastering in Avilla with his son, Tom. He was a member of Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla, and Northern Indiana Draft Horse Association.

Surviving are his son and daughter-in-law, Thomas and Becky Vice of Avilla; his daughter, Cheryl Becker of Kendallville; five grandchildren, Tracy Walburn, Timothy Becker, Chad Vice, Joshua Vice and Matthew Vice; nine great-grandchildren; his brother, Kenneth Vice of Fremont; and two sisters, Arbutus Heller of Coldwater, Michigan, and Madonna Crise of Elkhart.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his wife, and a son, Terry N. Vice.

Funeral services for Mr. Vice will be Saturday, December 17, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla. The Rev. Dr. Leonard King will officiate.

Visitation will be on Friday evening from 5-8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

Burial following the funeral will be at Hooper King Cemetery in rural Avilla.

Memorials may be made to the organization of the donor's choice.

Go to brazzellfuneralhome.com to send online condolences.

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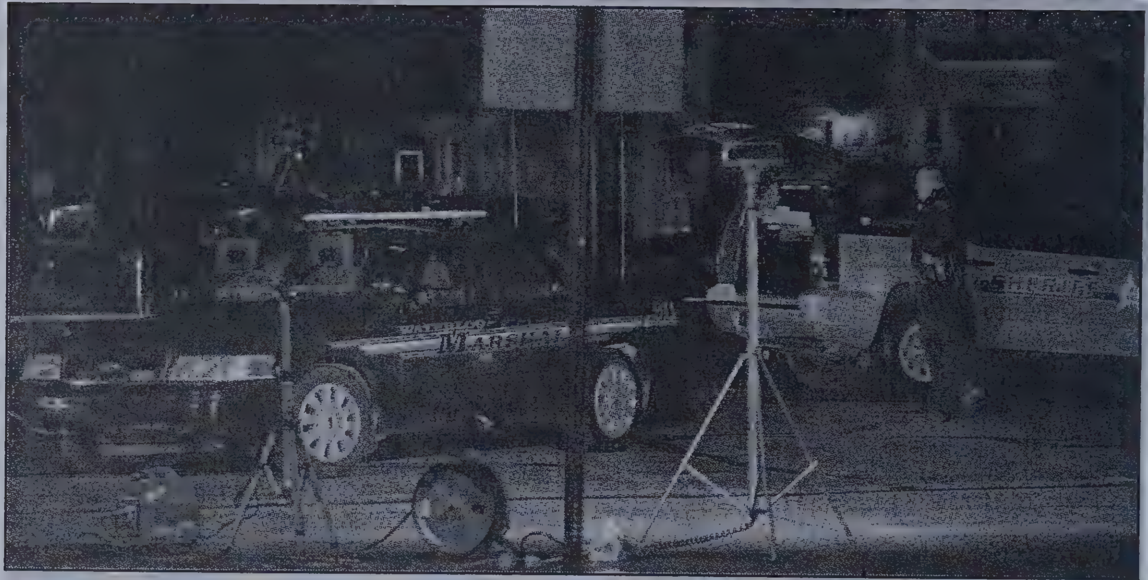

CHAD KLINE

A deputy walks near a car where a Waterloo deputy marshal was shot in the face at approximately 3 a.m. Thursday near Railroad and Center streets, west of downtown Waterloo. Two suspects were shot by police after one of them allegedly pointed a firearm at officers at approximately 6:02 a.m. behind a home in the 200 block of South Center Street.

Police officer shot

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Waterloo deputy injured; suspect later shot by officers

BY MATT GETTS
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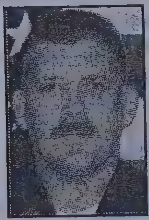
AND STAFF REPORTS

CHAD KLINE

Indiana State Police Sgt. Ron Galaviz addresses reporters during a news conference at the Waterloo Marshal's Office following a shooting Thursday morning that injured a 13-year veteran of the Waterloo department.

WATERLOO — Gunshots early Thursday morning left a Waterloo police officer wounded, one of his suspected attackers dead and a second suspect suffering from multiple gunshot wounds.



Brady

Hardiek

Waterloo Deputy Marshal Stephen Brady, 47, was listed in serious condition at a Fort Wayne hospital after being shot in the face at approximately 3 a.m. Thursday in the area of Railroad and Center streets.

Three hours later and a short distance away, police officers shot two people suspected of being Brady's attackers. One of the suspects, Ralph Daniel Hardiek, 41, of Auburn, died from his wounds, according to Indiana State Police Sgt. Ron Galaviz.

Police officers fired their weapons at the pair after Hardiek pointed a handgun at officers behind a home in the 200 block of South Center Street, Galaviz said.

The second suspect, Julie Marie King, 33 of Auburn, was taken to a hospital in critical condition with gunshot wounds. Police did not disclose where King is hospitalized. Galaviz said she remained critical Thursday night.

Police had been searching for Hardiek for the past week for a different reason. He failed to appear in Noble Circuit Court at Albion on Dec. 8 for sentencing on a felony methamphetamine charge, and the judge issued a warrant for his arrest.

Hardiek reportedly was facing a sentence of 12 years in prison if he had been captured. Previous news reports listed him as a recent resident of Avilla and Angola.

Brady, of Pleasant Lake, became a Waterloo deputy marshal in March 1998. His wife, Jan, is

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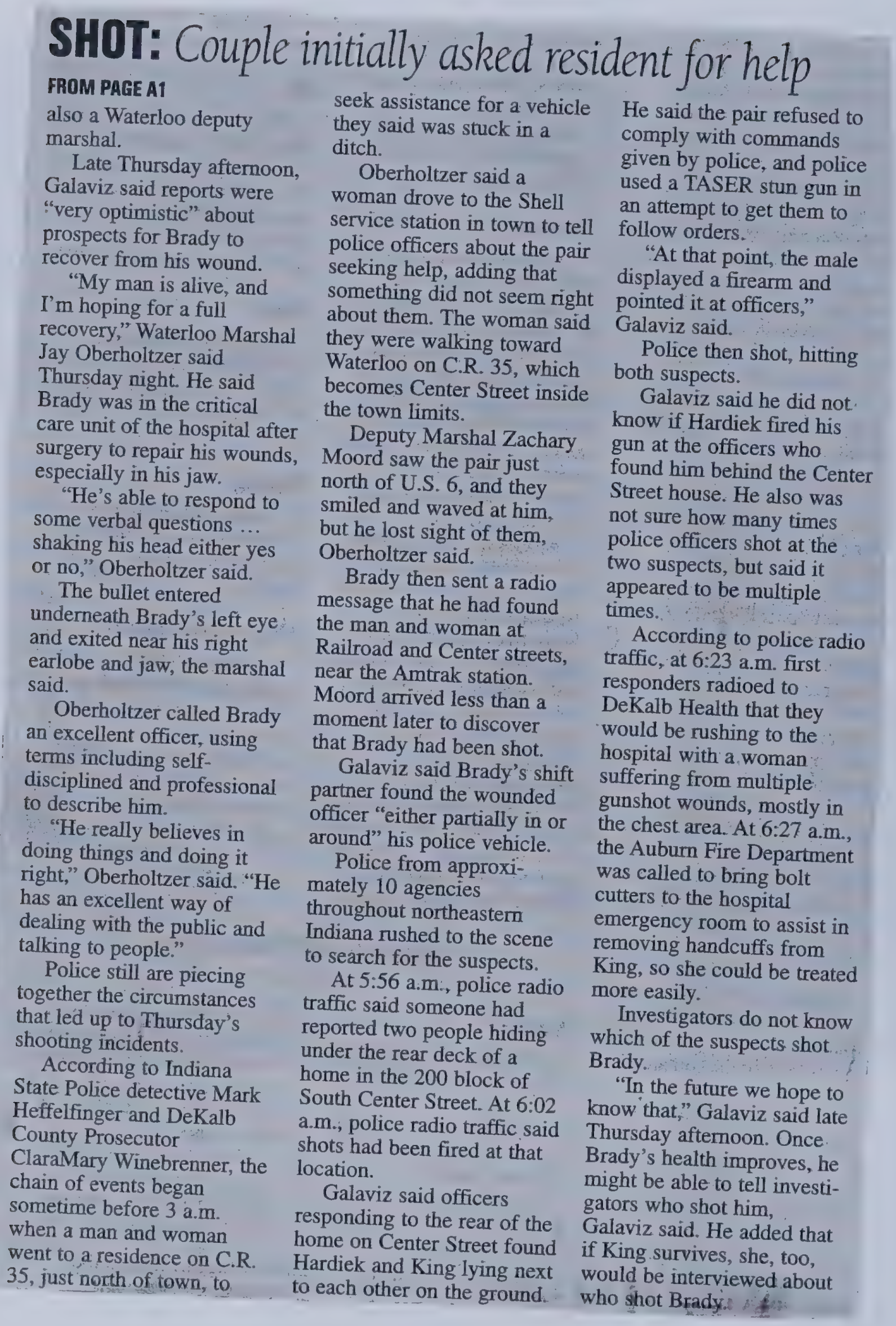

SHOT: *Couple initially asked resident for help*

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also a Waterloo deputy marshal.

Late Thursday afternoon, Galaviz said reports were "very optimistic" about prospects for Brady to recover from his wound.

"My man is alive, and I'm hoping for a full recovery," Waterloo Marshal Jay Oberholtzer said Thursday night. He said Brady was in the critical care unit of the hospital after surgery to repair his wounds, especially in his jaw.

"He's able to respond to some verbal questions … shaking his head either yes or no," Oberholtzer said.

The bullet entered underneath Brady's left eye and exited near his right earlobe and jaw, the marshal said.

Oberholtzer called Brady an excellent officer, using terms including self-disciplined and professional to describe him.

"He really believes in doing things and doing it right," Oberholtzer said. "He has an excellent way of dealing with the public and talking to people."

Police still are piecing together the circumstances that led up to Thursday's shooting incidents.

According to Indiana State Police detective Mark Heffelfinger and DeKalb County Prosecutor ClaraMary Winebrenner, the chain of events began sometime before 3 a.m. when a man and woman went to a residence on C.R. 35, just north of town, to seek assistance for a vehicle they said was stuck in a ditch.

Oberholtzer said a woman drove to the Shell service station in town to tell police officers about the pair seeking help, adding that something did not seem right about them. The woman said they were walking toward Waterloo on C.R. 35, which becomes Center Street inside the town limits.

Deputy Marshal Zachary Moord saw the pair just north of U.S. 6, and they smiled and waved at him, but he lost sight of them, Oberholtzer said.

Brady then sent a radio message that he had found the man and woman at Railroad and Center streets, near the Amtrak station. Moord arrived less than a moment later to discover that Brady had been shot.

Galaviz said Brady's shift partner found the wounded officer "either partially in or around" his police vehicle.

Police from approximately 10 agencies throughout northeastern Indiana rushed to the scene to search for the suspects.

At 5:56 a.m., police radio traffic said someone had reported two people hiding under the rear deck of a home in the 200 block of South Center Street. At 6:02 a.m., police radio traffic said shots had been fired at that location.

Galaviz said officers responding to the rear of the home on Center Street found Hardiek and King lying next to each other on the ground. He said the pair refused to comply with commands given by police, and police used a TASER stun gun in an attempt to get them to follow orders.

"At that point, the male displayed a firearm and pointed it at officers," Galaviz said.

Police then shot, hitting both suspects.

Galaviz said he did not know if Hardiek fired his gun at the officers who found him behind the Center Street house. He also was not sure how many times police officers shot at the two suspects, but said it appeared to be multiple times.

According to police radio traffic, at 6:23 a.m. first responders radioed to DeKalb Health that they would be rushing to the hospital with a woman suffering from multiple gunshot wounds, mostly in the chest area. At 6:27 a.m., the Auburn Fire Department was called to bring bolt cutters to the hospital emergency room to assist in removing handcuffs from King, so she could be treated more easily.

Investigators do not know which of the suspects shot Brady.

"In the future we hope to know that," Galaviz said late Thursday afternoon. Once Brady's health improves, he might be able to tell investigators who shot him, Galaviz said. He added that if King survives, she, too, would be interviewed about who shot Brady.

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Wounded deputy improving

Waterloo officer in intensive care

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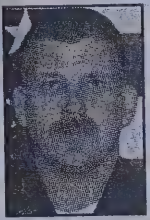
WATERLOO — A deputy police officer who was shot in the face early Thursday morning is improving at an area hospital, according to Waterloo Marshal Jay Oberholtzer.


Brady

Shortly after leaving the hospital early Friday evening, Oberholtzer said Deputy Marshal Stephen Brady was "a lot better than yesterday. I asked him if he was going to be in at 10 tonight to work. He actually started to laugh."

Brady remained in serious condition in an intensive care unit. He is on a ventilator and faces the prospect of surgery to help repair his jaw, Oberholtzer said.

"He was reacting to everything I said to him," Oberholtzer said. At one point, Brady gave him a "thumbs-up."

"Thank God, I say," Oberholtzer added.

Police believe either Ralph Hardiek, 47, or Julie King, 33, both of Auburn, shot Brady as he searched for people walking into town because their car was in a ditch. Waterloo Deputy Marshal Zachary Moord discovered a wounded Brady at approximately 3 a.m., just seconds after the shooting.

Investigators say the chain of events began sometime before 3 a.m. when a man and woman went to a house on C.R. 35, north of town, to seek assistance for a

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OFFICER: *Brady called 'ideal third-shift officer'*

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vehicle stuck in a ditch.

Friday, Indiana State Police reported that a Dodge Omni registered to Julie King had been found near the intersection of C.R. 35 and C.R. 10 north of Waterloo. The car was impounded and will be processed for evidence, a spokesman said.

Oberholtzer said a woman drove to the Shell service station in town to tell police officers about the pair seeking help, adding that something did not seem right about them. The woman said they were walking toward Waterloo on C.R. 35, which becomes Center Street inside the town limits.

Brady sent a radio message that he had found a man and woman at Railroad and Center streets, near the town's Amtrak station, moments before he was shot.

At 5:56 a.m., police found two people hiding under a deck behind a home in the 200 block of South Center Street. Police converged on the scene, and Hardiek and King refused to obey police commands. Hardiek was shocked with a TASER stun gun, then produced a handgun that he pointed at officers. Police then fired, hitting both suspects.

Hardiek was killed. King was transported to a hospital with multiple gunshot wounds.

Brady joined the Waterloo Police Department in March 1998.

"I describe him as the ideal third-shift officer," Oberholtzer said. "He's very professional."

According to Oberholtzer, third-shift officers often have to deal with the most uncooperative of citizens and generally take more people to jail than any other shift.

Oberholtzer said Brady has a knack of quickly evaluating and responding to any situation.

Brady is more than capable of talking down potentially violent situations, and is equally adept when there is no other choice than to take someone into custody by force. Perhaps most important of all, Brady knows when to use either approach.

"Steve's always had wisdom to approach the situation correctly," Oberholtzer said.

Brady is also cautious, and for that reason, Oberholtzer said he thinks things must have gone very wrong very quickly for him not to have responded Thursday morning.

Oberholtzer has a five-man department. With Moord off duty after the strain of Thursday's incident, and Brady and his wife, Deputy Marshal Jan Brady, off as well, Oberholtzer ended up working third shift Thursday night.

"I drove through that same intersection several times, trying to visualize what happened," Oberholtzer said. "It was ironic how quiet it was."

Oberholtzer said he heard that besides the gun Hardiek pointed at officers, more weapons were found at the scene, including a shotgun.

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Slain suspect was known risk

BY MATT GETTS
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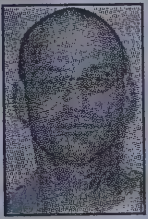
AUBURN — Police knew Ralph Hardiek was dangerous as early as April.


Hardiek

When Avilla Town Marshal Glen Wills went to assist the Department of Child Services with an investigation April 29 in a mobile home park in Avilla, he called for a standard criminal history check when he found out Hardiek was inside the home. The report he received back categorized Hardiek as an "officer safety risk."

Wills called for — and received — backup from the Kendallville Police Department.

Thursday, Hardiek was shot and killed by police after pointing a handgun at officers in Waterloo.

The shooting of Hardiek, 47, and Julie King, 33, both of Auburn, in the backyard of a home in the 200 block of South Center Street in Waterloo ended a chain of events that began at 3 a.m., when, police believe, either King or Hardiek shot Waterloo Deputy Marshal Stephen Brady in the face.

Hardiek and King refused to obey police commands when officers found them at 6:02 a.m. When police shocked him with a TASER stun gun, Hardiek pointed a handgun at officers, who then

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SUSPECT: *Hardiek convicted of three felonies*

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fired at the pair.

Brady, 47, of Pleasant Lake, remained hospitalized Friday. King is also hospitalized.

Hardiek had no felony convictions in Indiana prior to his manufacturing methamphetamine charge. But he was no stranger to the criminal court system, having been convicted of three prior felonies according to court records.

- On July 25, 1989, he was sentenced to prison in Utah on a charge of mayhem, a second-degree felony. According to Utah criminal code 6-15-105, "Every person who unlawfully and intentionally deprives a human being of a member of his body, or disables or renders it useless, or who cuts out or disables the tongue, puts out an eye, or slits the nose, ear, or lip is guilty of mayhem."
- On Aug. 17, 1994, he was sentenced in Utah on a charge of aggravated possession of a dangerous weapon at a correctional facility.
- On Nov. 10, 2004, he was sentenced in Boonville County, Idaho, on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

On April 29 in Avilla, Department of Child Services workers requested the assistance of the Avilla Police Department for a welfare check at a mobile home in the 900 block of Autumn Hills Drive in Avilla.

Wills and Kendallville Police Department Cpl. Doug Davis allegedly noticed the odor of burnt marijuana at the residence. According to Wills, police also observed items associated with the manufacture of methamphetamine in plain view in the home. The occupants of the home were removed, and police obtained a search warrant.

Once the search warrant was obtained, police located an active methamphetamine lab and various items associated with the manufacture of the drug.

"He told us after the interview he was drinking meth … while he was talking to us," Wills said.

Asked if he considered Hardiek to be a physical threat at that time, Wills said, "Absolutely."

Hardiek was incarcerated in the Noble County Jail. He later pleaded guilty to the methamphetamine charge, with a plea deal in the case calling for 12 years in prison. Hardiek failed to show up for his sentencing Sept. 8 in Noble Circuit Court. A warrant had been issued for his arrest.

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Daniel Beiswanger

FORT WAYNE — Daniel J. Beiswanger, age 67, of Fort Wayne died on Wednesday, December 14, 2011, at his residence in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Mr. Beiswanger

Dan was born in Kendallville on November 20, 1944, to the late Arden Charles and Iris June (Myers) Beiswanger.

He served his country in the United States Air Force from 1962-66.

Dan was a truck driver and employed with U.S. Food Service and Central Supply.

He loved spending time with his family, bowling, and eating out. Dan was a big sports fan. His favorite teams were the Pittsburg Steelers, Detroit Tigers, and IU Hoosiers basketball team.

He also enjoyed seeing his family and friends each summer at the Noble County Community Fair and the Arcola Truck and Tractor Pull.

He was a member of the Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne.

Survivors include his sons, Dan Jr. and Staci Beiswanger of South Whitley, Jason Beiswanger of Fort Wayne, Michael Beiswanger of Fort Wayne, Isaac Beiswanger of Fort Wayne and Tyler Beiswanger of Fort Wayne; his daughters, Rhonda Beiswanger of Indianapolis and Jennifer and Tim Derr of Fort Wayne; his grandchildren, Braydan Beiswanger, Dayne Lewis, Autumn, Madison, and Hunter Derr, C.J. Beiswanger, Lauyren and Brody Beiswanger; two sisters, Deb Pattee of Kendallville and Cherree and Dan Kelley of Columbia City; and two brothers, Rick and Deb Beiswanger of Kendallville and Kim and Patti Beiswanger of Kendallville.

Visitation will be Sunday, December 18, 2011, from 2-7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Monday, December 19, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home. Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Bill Mueller. Military honors will be conducted following the funeral service by the honor guard teams from the Kendallville VFW Post #2749 and the Rome City American Legion Post #381.

Preferred memorials may be made to the Noble County 4-H Horse & Pony Saddle Club or the Arcola Truck and Tractor Pull Association.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Dan by Sunday, December 18, 2011, at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Ernest Remaklus

CHURUBUSCO — Ernest J. Remaklus, 75, of Churubusco died Thursday, Dec. 15, 2011, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. Monday at St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco. Burial will be in Ege Catholic Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday and one hour prior to the funeral Mass Monday morning at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

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Geraldine Gloor

TOPEKA — Geraldine Louise Gloor, age 77, of Topeka passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, December 15, 2011, as the result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Mrs. Gloor

She was born October 13, 1934, to Iris and Florence (Yoder) Fought in Topeka, Ind. On May 3, 1952, she married William F. Gloor at the Topeka United Methodist Church.

She had worked for the Bag Factory and Homecrest, both of Goshen, and Sorg in Ligonier. From 1979-2000 she helped care for her grandchildren and for many of those years she was a crossing guard at Topeka Elementary School.

She was a member of Topeka United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Gloor was a talented embroiderer, a dedicated Chicago Cubs fan, and loved to work word puzzles.

She is survived by two children, Brenda (Daniel) Pruitt of Topeka and Les (Betty) Gloor of Ligonier; six grandchildren, Lowell Pruitt of West Palm Beach, Fla., Tisa (Matt) Slabach of Russiaville, Marcus and Taryn Pruitt of Topeka, Gust (Angelina) of South Milford, and Brittany Gloor of Angola; six great-grandchildren; and five siblings, Leon Faught of Hermansville, Mich., Betty Riedel of Topeka, Pauline (Earl) Truex of New Paris, Shirley (George) Oswald of Goshen, Ind., and Nancy (Donald) Saylor of New Paris.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; and six siblings, Gerald, Donald, Wayne, James and Kenneth Fought, and Irene Adair.

A funeral service will be held Tuesday, December 20, 2011, at 10 a.m. at Topeka United Methodist Church, 124 W. Pine St., Topeka, IN 46571 with Pastor Diana Seigal officiating. Burial will follow at Eden Cemetery in Topeka.

A visitation will be held on Monday, December 19, 2011, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Topeka United Methodist Church. Memorial contributions may be directed to Topeka United Methodist Church.

Yeager Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Jeanette Dawson

HUNTERTOWN — Jeanette H. Dawson, 83, of Huntertown died Thursday, Dec. 15, 2011, at the Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Resurrection Lutheran Church, 14318 Lima Road, Huntertown. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 1-5 p.m. Sunday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and at the church one hour prior to the service.

Memorials are to Resurrection Lutheran Church or to Animal Care & Control, Fort Wayne.

Beatrice Hildebrand

LIGONIER — Beatrice I. Hildebrand, 95, formerly of Monroe Center, Ill., died Thursday, Dec. 15, 2011, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Services are at 2 p.m. today at Unger-Horner Funeral Home in Rochelle, Ill. Burial is in Monroe Center Cemetery.

Calling is one hour prior to the services at the funeral home.

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‘His favorite color was green’

God, family mattered to Eastside hero

BY NICHOLE HACHA-THOMAS
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ST. JOE — Stephen Bevington loved many things about life. He loved God, his family, farming and Eastside High School football.

Bevington, 54, died Nov. 4 at DeKalb Health hospital in Auburn.

He was born on the Fourth of July in 1957 in Fort Wayne. A lifelong resident of St. Joe, Bevington attended Riverdale Elementary School and graduated from Eastside High School in 1975.

It was in the halls of high school where Bevington met his future wife, Jacalyn. The pair were married Dec. 30, 1977, in Butler and raised two daughters, Rachel and Jessie, who both also attended Eastside.

“He really loved it here,” Mrs. Bevington said. “We could have moved, but we chose to stay here.”

According to Mrs. Bevington and Pastor Stuart Kruse at the couple’s church, County Line Church of God, Mr. Bevington was very passionate about his relationship with Christ. He was involved in the church in several ways, including serving in church leadership roles, leading Sunday Bible studies and singing in the church choir.

Kruse remembers a class Bevington led titled “An Ordinary Day with Jesus,” about ways to experience Jesus in everyday life.

“He did an awesome job leading it,” Kruse said. “I think he always had a heart to reach out to people in the name of Christ.”

In addition to serving his church, Mr. Bevington was a faithful husband and father. Mrs. Bevington said both their daughters were “daddy’s girls” and they both, by all accounts, had their father wrapped around their little fingers.

“God was his first priority, but his family definitely came second,” Mrs. Bevington said.

Kruse echoed her sentiment.

“One of the things that I admired him the most about was his love for his wife and his total devotion to being the father that God wanted him to be,” Kruse said.

During the high school football season, when Mr. Bevington wasn’t in church, working or hanging out with his family, everyone knew where to find him — at the Eastside football games.

Mr. Bevington was a member of the 1974 Eastside team that compiled an 8-1 record, losing only to Leo in the final game of the season. Mr. Bevington was named to the all-area team the same year, which earned him a space on the Eastside Wall of Fame.

Once the couple’s oldest daughter began at Eastside, the family attended more and more games until they recently made it a habit to attend both home and away games.

Kruse said there was no denying Mr. Bevington was an avid Blazer fan.

“He and I talked sports once in a while — and being a DeKalb guy, of course, he liked to give me a little ribbing,” Kruse said.

When Eastside organized a 25-year reunion of the 1974 team, her husband jumped at the chance to dust off his old, green-and-white varsity letter jacket to wear to the homecoming game, Mrs. Bevington said.

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Stephen Bevington was a member of the 1974 Eastside High School football team. He grew his hair out during the season and vowed not to cut it until after the last game. His wife, Jacalyn Bevington, said near the end of the season he had a hard time getting his helmet to fit over his hair.

“He always talked about that season,” Mrs. Bevington said. “He told the story of the way he intercepted a pass and scored a touchdown. That was big.”

Mrs. Bevington said her husband often would see former teammates on the street and instead of a traditional hello, the two former players would yell out play calls to one another.

“There was no doubt about it,” she said. “his favorite color was green.”

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Amy Lou Martin

KING GEORGE, Va. — Amy Lou Martin, 55, of King George, Va., and formerly of Northeast Indiana, died Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2011, at her home.

She was born on June 16, 1956, in Angola.

She attended school in the Northeast Indiana area.

Mrs. Martin worked as a medical transcriptionist in King George, Va., where she has lived for the past eight years.

Surviving are her husband, Bobby F. Martin; mother, Helen E. Carpenter; daughter, Claire E. Martin; grandson, Tommy J. Martin; sister, Chris Myers; and a half sister, Tonya Barr.

She was preceded in death by her father, Ronald E. Boyd.

Services will be 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 19, 2011 at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Al Black officiating. Burial will take place in Waterloo Cemetery.

Visitation will be from noon to 2 p.m. Monday prior to the service at the funeral home.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Ralph Hardiek

WATERLOO — Ralph Daniel Hardiek, 41, died Thursday, Dec. 15, 2011, in Waterloo.

There were no services or calling.

Thomas Fiedler

FORT WAYNE — Thomas Fiedler, 68, died Friday, Dec. 16, 2011, at his residence in Fort Wayne.

Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2011, at The Chapel, 2505 W. Hamilton Road, Fort Wayne, with Pastor Rick Hawks officiating.

Calling will be two hours prior to the service on Wednesday.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home.

Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Rex Cochard

FORT WAYNE — Rex R. Cochard, 99, of Fort Wayne, died Saturday, Dec. 17, 2011, at his son Dale Cochard's Fort Wayne residence.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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Harland Smith

CROOKED LAKE — Harland J. "Smitty" Smith, 81, of Crooked Lake died Sunday, Dec. 18, 2011, at Cameron Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Smith

He was born in Chicago, Ill., on Jan. 4, 1930, to Fred A. and Camella (Kreyder) Smith.

Smitty was a sergeant in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He received the Korean Service Medal with five bronze battle stars.

He was a retired truck driver for Superior Tea / Coffee. He has driven trucks for a number of different companies since 1946. He attended Hudson United Brethren Church in Hudson. He was a member of Truck Drivers, Oil Drivers, Filling Station and Platform Workers Union Local 705, VFW of Angola and Angola American Legion Post 0777.

He married Janet Houser on July 5, 1952, in Auburn and she survives. He is also survived by two daughters, Christina L. (Bill) Rotenberry of Bartlett, Ill., and Nancy J (Richard) Kent of Angola; five grandchildren, Katrina Rotenberry, Jeffrey (Laura) Rotenberry, Christopher T. Kent, Curtis R. Kent, and James E. Kent; a great-granddaughter, Ayna Rotenberry; a sister, Donna Harris of Fort Wayne; and many nieces and nephews including Bruce Smith of Palos Heights, IL.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Claude Smith and Robert Smith.

Services will be 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 23, 2011, at Hudson United Brethren Church in Hudson with the Rev. Craig Burkholder officiating. Burial in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett. Visitation is Thursday from 4-8 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, and also one hour prior to the service at the church Friday from 10-11.

Preferred memorials can be directed to Cameron Hospice. To send condolences visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Rex Cochard

FORT WAYNE — Rex Roscoe Cochard, 99, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Dec. 17, 2011, at his residence in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Cochard

Mr. Cochard was born in Fostoria, Ohio, on Dec. 9, 1912, to the late Ross and Gertrude (Linhart) Cochard. He married Ellen Ruth Longyear on Feb. 25, 1939, in Topeka.

Rex was a farmer in his younger days and later was employed with Curtis Farm Breeding Service as the district manager for the state of Ohio. He retired in the 1980s after more than 20 years of service.

He was a charter member of the Auburn Elks lodge.

Survivors include his wife of 72 years, Ellen Ruth Cochard of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Sharon and Fred Quance of Loudon, Tenn.; three sons, Dale and Ingrid Cochard of Fort Wayne, Doug and Christine Cochard of Rockledge, Fla., and Gary and Charlotte Cochard of Bumpass, Va.; seven grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; and a brother, C.C. Cochard of Scottsdale, Ariz.

He was also preceded in death by his brothers George, Dewey, Willis, and Robert Cochard, and his sister, Donna Barker.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville. Services will begin at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home, officiated by the Rev. Dr. Philip Rogers, pastor of the Middletown Church of the Nazarene in Middletown.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Memorials are to Heartland Hospice or the American Diabetes Association.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Dawn Palmerton

ANGOLA — Dawn Michele Palmerton, 48, died Saturday, Dec. 16, 2011, at Lakeland Nursing Home, Angola.

A graveside service will take place on May 5, 2012, at 11 a.m. at Ray Cemetery.

Arrangements are by H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola.

Donald Thompson

ROME CITY — Donald Thompson, 85, of Rome City died Sunday at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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Donald Thompson

ROME CITY — Donald Lowell Thompson, 86, of Rome City, died on Sunday, Dec. 18, 2011, at Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange.

Mr. Thompson

Mr. Thompson was born in Wawaka on Dec. 10, 1925, to the late Elmer E. Thompson and Ruth (Gill) Thompson.

He graduated from Wawaka High School in 1941 and entered the United States Navy, proudly serving his country from 1944-46 during World War II.

He married Eva J. Showalter Thompson on Feb. 14, 1997.

Don worked in the service department for 37 years at Penn Controls in Goshen as a returns specialist.

He was a member of V.F.W. Post 2749 of Kendallville, the American Legion Post 381 of Rome City, the 40&8 Post 642 and Eagles Lodge 985 of Kendallville.

When he was younger, Don enjoyed fishing, going dancing, and listening to music. He enjoyed drinking his favorite beer, Miller High Life, his pet birds and bird watching.

Survivors include his wife, Eva Thompson of LaGrange; son, Barry and Betty Thompson of Wawaka; daughter, Deborah and Martin Haugen of Sacramento, Calif.; six grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; three great-great grandchildren; his first wife and mother of his children, Barbara Lehman of Wawaka; stepdaughters, Mary Wicker of Cromwell, Sharon Blackshire of Ligonier, Betty and Larry Martin of Ligonier and Vena Showalter of Kendallville; stepsons, James Routson of Florida and Donald Routson of Ligonier; 20 stepgrandchildren, 32 step-great-grandchildren; nine step-great-great grandchildren; stepchildren, Evelyn, Melvin, Gloria and Kevin, 17 step-grandchildren and 28 step-great-great grandchildren; and a brother, Richard Thompson of Rome City.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Karen Thompson; former wife, Laura (Routson) Thompson; sister, Ruth Ann Gilbert; and brother, Charles Thompson.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Pastor Terry Hinds officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cenetery in Wolcottville.

Calling will be Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be left at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Charlotte Wolf

BROOKFIELD, Ill. — Charlotte (Boszor) Wolf, 94, died Saturday, Dec. 17, 2011, in Brookfield, Ill.

Burial will be Dec. 28 at 1 p.m. in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville. Calling will be Dec. 27 from 4-9 p.m. at the Johnson Funeral Home, Brookfield.

Memorials are to the Audubon Society or the American Cancer Society.

Roger Hartman

CORUNNA — Roger A. Hartman, 61, of Corunna, died Monday Dec. 19, 2011 at his home.

He was born March 10, 1950, the son of Robert A. and Donna (Shippy) Hartman.

He worked for Strawser Brothers in Kendallville for 23 years then continued working in concrete and masonry construction on his own.

He was a volunteer for the Corunna Fire Department for 31 years. He also enjoyed hunting, bowling and slow pitch softball.

Survivors include his wife Melonie Hartman of Corunna; son and daughter-in-law, Jeff and YaLonda Hartman of Waterloo; daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer and Chad Seiler of Auburn; mother, Donna Hartman of Corunna; brother and sister-in-law, Stephen and Rosemary of Corunna; sister and brother-in-law, Denise and Artie Collins of Kendallville; and grandchildren, Denton Stayer, Megann Hartman, Zack Seiler, Nate Seiler and Luke Seiler.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert A. Hartman.

Memorial calling will be Thursday from 4-7 p.m. at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services 502 N. Main Street Auburn.

Memorials are to the Corunna Volunteer Fire Department or DeKalb Health Home Care and Hospice.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.pinningtonmccomb.com.

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Viola Reinhart

BUTLER — Viola M. Reinhart, 91, died Monday Dec. 19, 2011, at Parkview Hospital.

She was born Oct. 28, 1920, in Wilmington Township, DeKalb County, to Harry and Zola (Beard) Ginder.

She retired from County Line Cheese Company after 14 years of service.

She married Wilbur D. Reinhart on June 7, 1941 in Newville. He preceded in death on April 11, 1997.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Kayota and Vernis Handshoe of Butler; two grandchildren Tonya (Chad) Liberty of Butler and Almond Handshoe of Garrett; two great-grandchildren, Bryce and Haleigh Liberty of Butler; and two sisters, Kathryn Betz of Warsaw and Irene Curry of Butler.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, and a sister, Genivie Keller.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, with Pastor Michael Halferty officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be Wednesday from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Parkview Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Linda Carlson

JIMMERSON LAKE — Linda L. Carlson, 65, of Jimmerson Lake, died unexpectedly in Florida on Saturday, Dec. 17, 2011. Arrangements are pending. Memorials are to the Angola American Legion.

Emma Yoder

MILLERSBURG — Emma J. Yoder, 75, of Millersburg, died Monday, December 19, at her daughter's residence.

Services are at 9:30 a.m. Thursday at the Vernon Fry residence, 11070 C.R. 36, Millersburg, conducted by Bishop Perry Wingard Jr. and the home ministers. Burial is in Graber Cemetery, Nappanee.

Calling is after 2 p.m. today and all day Wednesday at the Vernon Fry residence.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Dawn Palmerton

ANGOLA — Dawn Michele Palmerton, 48, died Saturday, Dec. 16, 2011, at Lakeland Nursing Home in Angola.

Miss Palmerton

Dawn was born on June 2, 1963, to the late Donald V. and Sybil J. (Brown) Palmerton.

Survivors include two sisters, Shelley (Will) Nuttle of Hamilton and Karyl Burris and her friend Carl Simmons of Columbia City; a brother Randy (Ardis) Palmerton of Fremont; five nieces; and four nephews.

A graveside service will take place May 5, 2012, at 11 a.m. at Ray Cemetery.

To leave condolences go to:www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Elaine Harper

SYRACUSE — Elaine J. Harper, 90, of Syracuse and formerly of Cromwell, died Monday, Dec. 19, 2011, at Miller's Merry Manor in Syracuse. Graveside services will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell. Memorials are to the Cromwell Library, 120 N. Jefferson St., Cromwell, IN 46723. Yeager Funeral Home of Ligonier is assisting with arrangements.

Gene Bellamy

ELKHART — Gene Bellamy, 77, died Nov. 28, 2011, in Elkhart. Funeral services have taken place.

Bonnie Terry

LAGRANGE — Bonnie L. Terry, 74, of LaGrange, died Saturday Dec. 17, 2011, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital, LaGrange. Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Audra Hatch

CHURUBUSCO — Audra M. Hatch of Churubusco died Sunday, Dec. 18, 2011, at the family home.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2011, in the Good News Baptist Church in Churubusco. Burial will be in the mausoleum at Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be after 11 a.m. Wednesday until the services.

Memorials may be directed to Indiana University Cancer Research.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

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Charlotte Wolf

BROOKFIELD, Ill. — Charlotte (Boszor) Wolf, 94, died Saturday, Dec. 17, 2011, in Brookfield, Ill.

The daughter of Chester M. and Bertha (Sawyer) Boszor, she was a 1935 graduate of Kendallville High School. She also graduated from Ball State University with a bachelor's degree in 1950 and a master's degree in 1955.

She performed whistling programs during high school and after graduation, was a life guard at Bixler Lake and a volunteer at Brookfield Library. She was the first Girl Scout leader in Kendallville and worked at the local drugstore in Kendallville while in high school.

Mrs. Wolf taught elementary school art in Elkhart and North Riverside, Ill., retiring in 1985.

She married Vern C. Wolf on Sept. 12, 1952, in Elkhart and he preceded her in death on Dec. 25, 1986.

She is survived by a sister, Gene Wible of Kendallville; two sons, Michael Wolf of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Jeffery Wolf of Brookfield; and one grandchild.

Calling will be Tuesday, Dec. 27, from 4-9 p.m. at the Johnson Funeral Home, Brookfield.

Burial will be Wednesday, Dec. 28, at 1 p.m. in Lakeview Cemetery, Kendallville.

Memorials are to the Audubon Society or the American Cancer Society.

Kim Quear

ANGOLA — Kim P. Quear, 59, died Monday Dec. 19, 2011, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born on March 15, 1952, in Elwood, Ind., to the late Verlyn A. and Alice Lucille (Hight) Quear.

He was a former police officer and had worked at Rural King in Angola.

Survivors include his wife, Linda K. (Ferris) Quear of Angola; one son, Colten W. DuToit of Fremont; two daughters, Paige M. and Katie L. Quear, both of Fremont; two stepsons, Lonnie Sands of Huntington and Leo Sands of Kimmell; one stepdaughter, Lisa M. Stoltz of Huntington; two brothers, Kelly of Daleville and Howard of Alexandria; three sisters, Margaret Thomas of Elwood, Alice Hawkins of Alexandria and Rebecca Quear of Kentucky; one granddaughter; 10 step-grandchildren; and 9 step-great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Matt and Billy.

There will be no calling. Burial will take place at a later date.

Condolences may be left at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

William Kruse

Mr. Kruse

FREMONT — William A. Kruse, 78, of Fremont, died Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Fort Wayne, Mr. Kruse was a farmer and also drove a school bus for Fort Wayne Lutheran Schools and Fremont Head Start. He had been a member of Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church and Peace Lutheran Church in Fremont.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Gladys; daughters, Bonnie (Dale) Doerffler, Bev (Jim) Bojrab and Barb (Terry) Minger, all of Fort Wayne; a son, Brian (Kim) Kruse of Fort Wayne; a sister, Elda Bischoff; and 10 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by sisters Esther Haugk, Ruth Bremer and Florence Salzbrenner.

Services are Friday at 11 a.m. at Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 6318 W. California Rd. Fort Wayne, with calling one hour prior. The Rev. Wayne Berkesch will officiate.

Calling also will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Rd., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to either of his churches.

The online guest book may be signed at www.mccombandsons.com.

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Linda Carlson

ANGOLA — Linda L. Carlson, 65, died suddenly Dec.17, 2011, while vacationing near Bradenton, Florida.

Mrs. Carlson

Linda was born May 4, 1946, in Benton Harbor, Mich., to John E. and Emily M. (Basich) Carlson. She was raised on the family farm in Sodus, Mich. She was a devoted daughter, sister, and aunt and had many happy memories with her family. Linda graduated in 1964 from Benton Harbor High School. She was a Veteran of the United States Air Force and served as a communication specialist during Vietnam. Linda worked at I&M Power Company in Benton Harbor before moving to Fort Wayne, where she owned a furniture restoration business.

After moving to the Angola area Linda continued crafting beautiful wood furniture before opening Etching Unlimited.

Survivors include three brothers, Larry L. (Carolyn) Carlson of South Haven, Mich., Jerry J. (Glenda) Carlson of Branch, Mich., and Randy W. Carlson of Benton Harbor, Mich.; special friend and niece Kim (Ken) Boozer, and niece Tricia (Mike) Enke; three nephews, Duane Carlson, Terry (Julie) Carlson, and Craig Carlson; and best friend Joyce Rockwell.

She was preceded in death by her parents, niece Tricia Marie Carlson, and two sisters-in-law, Mary Jane Carlson and Diane Carlson.

Linda truly enjoyed time spent with friends, lake living, and her garden. She will be deeply missed by her friends and family.

Preferred memorials are to the Angola American Legion Post 31, where Linda was a member of the Executive Board and the Forty and Eight; P.O. Box 331, Angola, IN 46703.

A military service will be held on a sunny day in April. Announcement for the service will be made at a later date.

Barbara Kief

LIGONIER — Barbara A. Kief, age 72, of Glenwood, Ark., and formerly of Ligonier, passed away on Monday, Dec. 19, 2011 at 7:40 p.m.

She was born on May 6, 1939, to Chester and Ethel (Reed) Staton in Noble County. She married James Kief on June 27, 1964. He preceded her in death in April of 2001.

Mrs. Kief

Mrs. Kief retired from Silgan Plastics in 2002 after 44 years of service as a dispatcher. She loved to garden and read.

She is survived by her children, Joseph (Danita) Johnson of Glenwood, Ark. and Kellie (Jeffrey) Terry of Kendallville; five grandsons, J.J. (Lindsay), Jeremy, Jordan, Jared, Jed Johnson; two great-granddaughters, Madison and Kensie; and one brother, Olin "Gene" (Margaret) Staton of Fairfield Bay, Ark.; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by one son, Jon Kief; husband; parents; two brothers, John and Robert Staton; and one sister, Donnabelle Hill.

A funeral service will be held on Friday at 1 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, with Celebrant Larry Baker officiating. Burial will take place in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

A visitation will be held on Thursday from 3-8 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions are to the American Heart Association, 208 S. LaSalle St., Suite 900, Chicago, Ill. 60604 or the American Lung Association, 115 W. Washington St., Suite 1180-S, Indianapolis, Ind., 46204.

Yeager Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
December 21, 2011, Wednesday

Pearl Peterson, 84

Pearl Peterson, age 84, of Cromwell, IN passed away on Wednesday, December 14, 2011 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, IN. She was born on May 3, 1927 to Herman and Mary E. (Martin) Neumann in Fort Wayne, IN. On June 30, 1946 she married Gilbert Hoffman, he preceded her in death. She later married Paul Peterson, he also preceded her in death.

Mrs. Peterson moved to the area in 1962 coming from Fort Wayne. She retired from Union Products and attended the Ligonier Evangelical Church. She enjoyed golf, antiques and her grandchildren.

She is survived by her children, Suzanne (Patrick) Teders of Avilla, Sandra Hossler of Albion, Darlene (Eldon) Ralston of LaGrange, Pete (Lisa) Hoffman of Fort Wayne, Carla Myers of Pembroke Pines, FL; step-son, Gerald Peterson of Salt Lake City, UT; her grandchildren, Mike (Kathy) Teders of Mooresville, Kristy (George) Piche` of Camby, Jeff (Amy) Hossler of Columbia City, Deb (Chuck) Swihart of Syracuse, Tammy (Rodney) Reed of Sturgis, MI, Tony (Laura) Brandenburg of Fort Wayne, Andrew Hoffman of Chicago, IL, Justin Hoffman of Fort Wayne, Krystle (Mike) Rasumoff of Fort Lauderdale, FL; her grandchildren, Alex and Grace Teders, Katelyn and Gabrielle Piche`, Fawnda Reed, Faith and Aric Swihart, Lily Mae Brandenburg, Gavin Rasumoff; step-grandchildren, Chaz and Jonathon Swihart, Mandy Miller, Whitney, Charlie and Alayna Sitts; one brother, Mearl (Jeanne) Neumann; and two sisters, Betty Moldthan and Donna Belle Wright. She was preceded in death by six siblings, Mary Ann, Katherine, Donna Jean, Virginia, Imogene and Eugene.

There was a funeral service held in Mrs. Peterson's honor on Saturday, December 17, 2011 at Yeager Funeral Home, with Pastor Troy Diersing officiating. Burial was in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell, IN.

Memorial donations are to the Ligonier Evangelical Church, 1911 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN 46767.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com

ALBION NEW ERA
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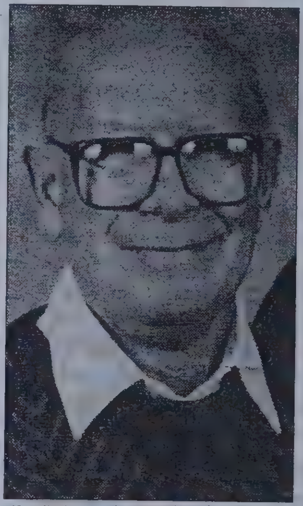
Donald L. Thompson, 86



Donald Lowell Thompson, age 86, of Rome City died on Sunday, December 18, 2011 at Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange, Indiana.

Mr. Thompson was born in Wawaka, Indiana on December 10, 1925 to the late Elmer E. Thompson and Ruth (Gill) Thompson.

He graduated from Wawaka High School in 1941 and entered the United States Navy proudly serving his country from 1944-46 during WWII.

He married Eva J. Showalter Thompson on February 14, 1997.

Don worked in the service department for 37 years at Penn Controls in Goshen as a returns specialist.

He was a member of V.F.W. Post #2749 of Kendallville, the American Legion Post 381 of Rome City, the 40&8 Post #642, and Eagles Lodge #985 of Kendallville.

When he was younger, Don enjoyed fishing, going dancing, and listening to music. He enjoyed drinking his favorite beer, Miller High Life, his pet birds and bird watching.

Survivors include wife, Eva Thompson of LaGrange; son, Barry and Betty Thompson of Wawaka; daughter, Deborah and Martin Haugen of Sacramento, CA; six grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren; first wife and mother of his children, Barbara Lehman of Wawaka; step-daughters, Mary Wicker of Cromwell, Sharon Blackshire of Ligonier, Betty and Larry Martin of Ligonier, Vena Showalter of Kendallville; step-sons, James Routson of Florida, Donald Routson of Ligonier; 20 step-grandchildren; 32 step-great grandchildren, and 9 great-great grandchildren; step-children (Eva's) Evelyn, Melvin, Gloria and Kevin; 17 step-grandchildren, 28 step-great-great grandchildren; brother, Richard Thompson of Rome City.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Karen Thompson; former wife, Laura (Routson) Thompson; sister, Ruth Ann Gilbert and brother, Charles Thompson.

Visitation will be Wednesday, December 21, 2011 from 4:00-8:00 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Thursday, December 22, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Terry Hinds.

Burial will be at Orange Cemetery in Rome City, Indiana.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

ALBION NEW ERA
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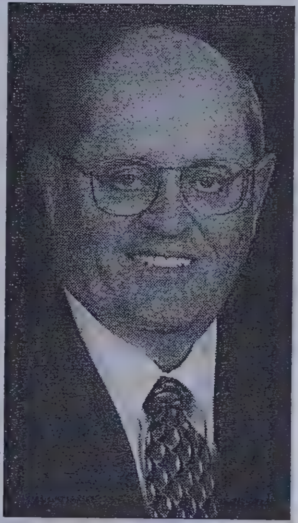
Rev. Terry L. Zolman, 64



Rev. Terry L. Zolman, 64, a resident of rural Albion and senior pastor of the Merriam Christian Chapel, passed away at 10:05 p.m. on Thursday, December 14, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had suffered a serious fall on Friday, and had been hospitalized since that time.

Pastor Zolman was born in Fort Wayne on July 31, 1947, a son of Clyde D. and Beulah Ella (Shaffer) Zolman. He spent his formative years in Smith Township, and graduated from Churubusco High School in 1965. As a young man he attended Appalachian Bible College, the Moody Bible Institute, and later graduated from Fort Wayne Bible College.

On August 12, 1967 he was married in Merriam to Julie A. Herron. The couple have lived most of their adult lives in rural Noble County.

He had worked at Bonar Construction, served for four years as a missionary to New Zealand, and had been the senior pastor of the Merriam Christian Chapel since 1979.

Known as a gifted counselor and teacher, he loved and cherished his family, and most importantly had a lifelong passion for sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He was a member of the Merriam Christian Chapel, and served as president of the Spanish World Gospel Mission in Winona Lake.

The surviving relatives include his wife Julie; three children Chad (Christine) Zolman of Fort Wayne, Tera (Tim) Andrews and Bryce (Cori) Zolman, both of rural Albion; four siblings, Barbara Lou (Donald) Bonar of Columbia City, Dean E. (Sharon) Zolman of Churubusco, and Nick L. (Elaine) Zolman and DeLara (Larry) Miller, both of Columbia City; and 15 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, December 17, 2011, in the Merriam Christian Chapel, 3985 South U. S. 33, with Pastors Steve Pulley and Dwayne Berna, officiating.

Interment was in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the Merriam Christian Chapel Missions Fund, 3985 South U. S. 33, Albion, IN 46701

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of the arrangements.

To leave an online condolence for the family in Pastor Zolman's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net

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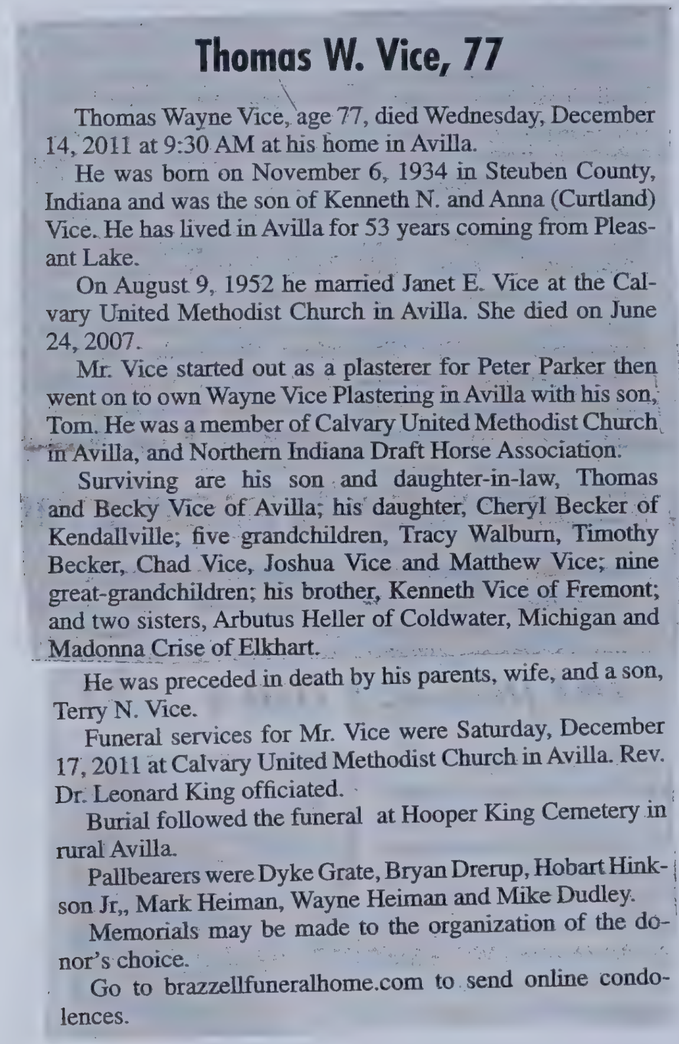

Thomas W. Vice, 77

Thomas Wayne Vice, age 77, died Wednesday, December 14, 2011 at 9:30 AM at his home in Avilla.

He was born on November 6, 1934 in Steuben County, Indiana and was the son of Kenneth N. and Anna (Curtland) Vice. He has lived in Avilla for 53 years coming from Pleasant Lake.

On August 9, 1952 he married Janet E. Vice at the Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla. She died on June 24, 2007.

Mr. Vice started out as a plasterer for Peter Parker then went on to own Wayne Vice Plastering in Avilla with his son, Tom. He was a member of Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla, and Northern Indiana Draft Horse Association.

Surviving are his son and daughter-in-law, Thomas and Becky Vice of Avilla; his daughter, Cheryl Becker of Kendallville; five grandchildren, Tracy Walburn, Timothy Becker, Chad Vice, Joshua Vice and Matthew Vice; nine great-grandchildren; his brother, Kenneth Vice of Fremont; and two sisters, Arbutus Heller of Coldwater, Michigan and Madonna Crise of Elkhart.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, and a son, Terry N. Vice.

Funeral services for Mr. Vice were Saturday, December 17, 2011 at Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla. Rev. Dr. Leonard King officiated.

Burial followed the funeral at Hooper King Cemetery in rural Avilla.

Pallbearers were Dyke Grate, Bryan Drerup, Hobart Hinkson Jr,, Mark Heiman, Wayne Heiman and Mike Dudley.

Memorials may be made to the organization of the donor's choice.

Go to brazzellfuneralhome.com to send online condolences.

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Elaine J. Harper, 90

Elaine J. Harper, age 90, of Syracuse, formerly of Cromwell, passed away on December 19, 2011 at 1:20 AM at Miller's Merry Manor in Syracuse. She was born on June 28, 1921 to William and Alta Parken in Dwight, Kansas. On October 18, 1945 she married Don Harper in Denver, CO. He preceded her in death on June 10, 2005.

Mrs. Harper worked at Lyall Electric until she retired. She had attended the Cromwell United Methodist Church, enjoyed reading and was a very talented painter.

She is survived by two children, Sharon Runge of Syracuse and Thad (Phyliss) Harper of Powell, WY; a grandchild and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; one grandson, Matt Harper; a brother and two sisters.

A graveside service will be held in Mrs. Harper's honor on Friday, December 23, 2011 at 10:30 AM at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell, IN with Pastor Robert Jarboe officiating.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Cromwell Library, 120 N. Jefferson St,, Cromwell, IN 46732.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com

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Geraldine L. Gloor, 77

Geraldine Louise Gloor, age 77, of Topeka, IN passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, December 15, 2011 as the result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. She was born October 13, 1934 to Iris and Florence (Yoder) Fought in Topeka, IN. On May 3, 1952 she married William F. Gloor at the Topeka United Methodist Church.

She had worked for the Bag Factory and Homecrest, both of Goshen, and Sorg in Ligonier. From 1979-2000 she helped care for her grandchildren and for many of those years she was a crossing guard at Topeka Elementary School. She was a member of Topeka United Methodist Church, a talented embroiderer, a dedicated Chicago Cubs fan, and loved to work word puzzles.

She is survived by two children, Brenda (Daniel) Pruitt of Topeka; Les (Betty) Gloor of Ligonier; six grandchildren, Lowell Pruitt of West Palm Beach, FL, Tisa (Matt) Slabach of Russiaville, Marcus and Taryn Pruitt of Topeka, Gust (Angelina) of South Milford, Brittany Gloor of Angola; six great-grandchildren; five siblings, Leon Fought of Hermansville, MI , Betty Riedel of Topeka, Pauline (Earl) Truex of New Paris, Shirley (George) Oswald of Goshen, IN, Nancy (Donald) Saylor of New Paris.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents and six siblings, Gerald, Donald, Wayne, James and Kenneth Fought, and Irene Adair.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, December 20, 2011 at Topeka United Methodist Church, with Pastor Diana Seigal officiating. Burial followed at Eden Cemetery in Topeka.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Topeka United Methodist Church.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com

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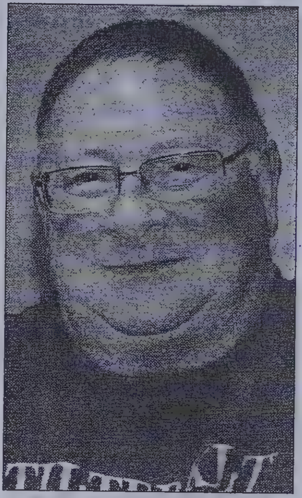
Daniel J. Beiswanger, Sr., 67



Daniel J. Beiswanger, Sr, age 67, of Fort Wayne died on Wednesday, December 14, 2011 at his residence in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Dan was born in Kendallville on November 20, 1944 to the late Arden Charles and Iris June (Myers) Beiswanger.

He served his country in the United States Air Force from 1962-66.

Dan was a truck driver and employed with U.S. Food Service and Central Supply.

He loved spending time with his family, bowling, and eating out. Dan was a big sports fan. His favorite teams were the Pittsburg Steelers, Detroit Tigers, and I.U. Hoosier Basketball. He also enjoyed seeing his family and friends each summer at the Noble County Fair and the Arcola Truck and Tractor Pull and he was a member of the Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne.

Survivors include sons, Dan and Staci Beiswanger, Jr. of South Whitley, Jason Beiswanger of Fort Wayne, Michael Beiswanger of Fort Wayne, Isaac Beiswanger of Fort Wayne, Tyler Beiswanger of Fort Wayne; daughters, Rhonda Beiswanger of Indianapolis, Jennifer and Tim Derr of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren: Braydan Beiswanger, Dayne Lewis, Autumn, Madison, and Hunter Derr, C.J. Beiswanger, Lauyren and Brody Beiswanger; sisters, Deb Pattee of Kendallville, Cherree and Dan Kelley of Columbia City; brothers, Rick and Deb Beiswanger of Kendallville, Kim and Patti Beiswanger of Kendallville.

Funeral services were Monday, December 19, 2011 at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service was Pastor Bill Mueller.

Preferred memorials may be made to Noble County 4-H Horse & Pony Saddle Club or the Arcola Truck and Tractor Pull Association.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

ALBION NEW ERA
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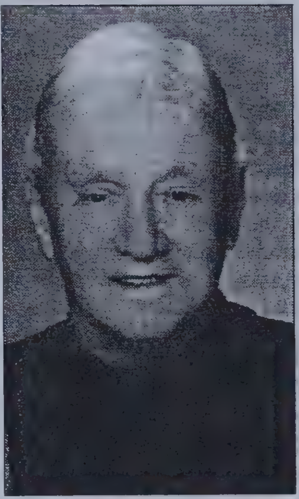
Rex R. Cochard, 99



Rex Roscoe Cochard, age 99, of Fort Wayne died on Saturday, December 17, 2011 at his residence in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Mr. Cochard was born in Fostoria, Ohio on December 9, 1912 to the late Ross and Gertrude (Linhart) Cochard.

He married Ellen Ruth Longyear on February 25, 1939 in Topeka, Indiana.

Rex was a farmer in his younger days and later was employed with Curtis Farm Breeding Service as the district manager for the state of Ohio. He retired in the 1980's after more than 20 years of service.

He was a charter member of the Auburn Elks lodge.

Survivors include his wife of 72 years, Ellen Ruth Cochard of Fort Wayne; daughter, Sharon and Fred Quance of Loudon, TN; sons, Dale and Ingrid Cochard of Fort Wayne, Doug and Christine Cochard of Rockledge, FL, Gary and Charlotte Cochard of Bumpass, VA; seven grandchildren and many great-grandchildren; brother, C.C. Cochard of Scottsdale, Arizona.

He was preceded in death by his brothers: George, Dewey, Willis, and Robert Cochard; and his sister, Donna Barker.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 21, 2011 at Hite Funeral Home. The funeral service was officiated by the Rev. Dr. Philip Rogers.

Burial was at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Preferred memorials may be made to Heartland Hospice or American Diabetes Association.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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Kim Quear

ANGOLA — Kim P. Quear, 59, died Monday Dec. 19, 2011, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born on March 15, 1952, in Elwood, Ind., to the late Verlyn A. and Alice Lucille (Hight) Quear.

He was a former police officer and had worked at Rural King in Angola.

Survivors include his wife, Linda K. (Ferris) Quear of Angola; one son, Colton W. DuToit of Fremont; two daughters, Paige M. and Katie L. Quear, both of Fremont; two stepsons, Lonnie Sands of Huntington and Leo Sands of Kimmell; one stepdaughter, Lisa M. Stoltz of Huntington; two brothers Kelly of Daleville and Howard of Alexandria; three sisters, Margaret Thomas of Elwood, Alice Hawkins of Alexandria and Rebecca Quear of Kentucky; one granddaughter; 10 step-grandchildren; and 9 step-great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Matt and Billy.

There will be no calling. Burial will take place at a later date.

Condolences may be left at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

David Shomaker

AVILLA — David Shomaker, 68, died unexpectedly Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2011, at his home in Avilla. Funeral services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Eunice Villalobos

LAGRANGE — Eunice E. Villalobos, 57, of LaGrange, died Wednesday Dec. 21, 2011, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Dorothy Nester

AUBURN — Dorothy R. Nester, 80, died Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2011, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was born on Aug. 13, 1931, in Hicksville, Ohio, the daughter of Earl and Irene (Cook) Beverly.

She was a 1949 graduate of Hicksville High School.

On March 8, 1958, she was united in marriage to Wilburn (Web) Nester and he preceded her in death on March 12, 1989.

Dorothy retired from the Hicksville Bank after more than 30 years.

She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and she enjoyed teaching Sunday school at Grace United Methodist Church in Hicksville.

Dorothy is survived by a daughter, Brenda (Tony) Kratzman of Auburn; a granddaughter Kodee Gallant of Auburn; a sister, Jo (Mike) Lucas of Hicksville; a niece Penny (Larry) Schulz of Ney, Ohio; and two nephews, Rex Pontius of Fort Meyers Beach, Fla., and J. Jay (Cathy) Gloor of Cecil, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents and a brother, Walter Beverly.

Visitation for Dorothy will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, with an Eastern Star service at 7:30 p.m.

Graveside services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Memorials may be made to DeKalb Central Music Association.

Online condolences may be shared at www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com.

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The family of **Dan Cass** *would like to send our thanks to each and every person who has been there for us in our time of grieving.*
Thank you to the American Legion Post 381 of Rome City & VFW Post 2749 of Kendallville for their services.
Special thanks to Paul Leathers & Noble County Hospice.
With Love,
Betty Cass & Family

Bonnie Terry

LAGRANGE — Bonnie L. Terry, 74, of LaGrange, died Saturday Dec. 17, 2011, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital, LaGrange. A memorial service and burial in Woodruff Cemetery will take place at a later date. Arrangements are by Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

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Frank Allen

KENDALLVILLE — Frank S. Allen, 57, of Kendallville died on Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2011, at his Kendallville home.

Mr. Allen

Frank was born in Fort Wayne on Nov. 17, 1954, to Roman L. Allen Sr. and Dorothy F. Allen.

He served his country in the United States Marine Corps.

Frank worked as a welder for Fruehoff in Fort Wayne, Slater Steel in Fort Wayne and TFC Canopy in LaOtto.

He was a member of the St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

Frank was an avid reader. He also enjoyed ice fishing, tying flies, cooking, computers, working on family genealogy and watching classic T.V. shows. He loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Survivors include one daughter, Ramanda L. and Anthony Harman of Kendallville; two stepdaughters, Jennifer Sillaway of Kendallville and Jeri Grubb and Matt Cain of Kendallville; seven grandchildren, Jordan Molen, Avin Molen, Ahryan Harman, Drew Sillaway, Kristopher Grubb, Ashley Campbell and Kylie Grubb; two great-grandchildren, Bradyn Campbell and Addison Grubb; three brothers, Jeff and Linda Allen of Big Long Lake, Jack Allen of Lansing, Mich., and Donald Allen of Fort Wayne; four sisters, Kathryn and Ronald Block of North Manchester, Marsha Houser of Fort Wayne, Ramona Tolbert of Fort Wayne and Patricia Allen of Fort Wayne; his companion, Janet Allen of Kendallville; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Roman L. Allen II, and a brother-in-law; Jesse Tolbert Sr.

Visitation will be Monday from 11-2 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at the funeral home with the Rev. Robert Shriner officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Preferred memorials may be made to directed to the family for charities of their choice.

Send a condolence to the family or View a Video Tribute of Frank by Monday at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Jeremiah Karn

KENDALLVILLE — Jeremiah F. "Jerry" Karn, 60, of Kendallville, died Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2011, at Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Kendallville. Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Cremation will follow the funeral service.

Shirley Hetrick

HAMILTON — Shirley Jean (Russell) Hetrick, 77, of Hamilton, died Thursday Dec. 22, 2011, at her son's home in Butler.

Mrs. Hetrick

Born Aug. 12, 1934. in Peru, Ind., she was the daughter of the late Kenneth and Ruby Russell.

She was the former owner of Hetrick's Pizza House in Hamilton for 16 years. She was a member of the Lord's Church.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Estilene Hetrick of Butler; daughters and sons-in-law, Terri and Monte Woolace of Stryker, Ohio, Shery and Steve Metz of Hicksville, Ohio, and Carri and Todd Christlieb of Hamilton; grandchildren, Sirese, Mindi, Jeremy, Crystal, Erica and Stephanie; four great-grandchildren; seven stepgrandchildren; and 14 step-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald E. Hetrick in 1978.

Funeral services are Tuesday at 11 a.m. with visiting one hour prior at Hamilton Church of Christ, 4040 E. Church St., Hamilton.Visitation also is Monday from 4-8 p.m. at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.pinningtonmcomb.com.

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Sharron Evertts

METZ — Sharron (Sheri) L. Evertts, age 67, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2011, at her home in Metz, Indiana.

Mrs. Evertts

She was born Nov. 16, 1944, in Whittier, Calif., and moved to Indiana in 1972.

She married Gerald Bruce Evertts on Oct. 23, 1976, in Hamilton, who survives.

She was preceded in death by a son, David L. O'Keefe; a daughter, Tammy O'Keefe; and a daughter-in-law, Nina J. O'Keefe.

Sheri is survived by her son, Robert C. O'Keefe and wife, Melanie, formerly of Hamilton, and by her daughter, Kathleen M. Rourke of Butler.

Also surviving are 11 grandchildren, Jennifer M. O'Keefe, Mellisa A. (Christoffer) Willibey, Christopher R. O'Keefe, Kevin M. O'Keefe, Jason Rourke, Kristina Rourke, Ashley Rourke, Chante Rourke, Michael Rourke, David Jr. and Dylon O'Keefe.

She has six great-grandchildren, Kaylah Willibey, Morgyn Willibey, Austyn Willibey, and Jason, Keiley and Ryder Rourke.

She was a member of the Metz Volunteer Fire Department for 10 years and was the first woman to become a second-class firefighter in Steuben County. She also served as an EMT.

She loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She also enjoyed to knit, crochet, make jewelry and all kinds of crafts.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Jan. 7, 2012, from 1-5 p.m. at her home, 7995 E. Metz Rd., Angola.

Wilodean Hilsmier

OSSIAN — Wilodean M. Hilsmier, 87, died Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2011, at Parkview Hospital, Whitley County.

Mrs. Hilsmier

She was born Jan. 10, 1924, in Zanesville, Clarence J. and Thela (Fisher) Duhamell. They preceded hier in death.

Mrs. Hilsmier retired in 1984 as a supervisor at Colonial Baking Company after 26 years. She had previously worked at General Electric. She was a member of Ossian First Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are her children, Donn Hilsmier of Columbia City and Star (Ronald) Rose of Wolcottville; three grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; siblings, Martha Biberstine of Muncie, Kate (Bob) Ball of Mercersberg, Pa., Lura Mae (Bernie) Burke of Ossian, Geneieve Beck of Fort Wayne, Rosemary Voght of Huntington and Larry (Donna) Duhamell of Yoder.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edwin Hilsmier in 1986, two brother and three sisters.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at Ossian First Presbyterian Church, 123 S. Jefferson, Ossian, with calling one hour prior to services.

Calling also will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home, 120 W. Mill Street, Ossian.

Burial will be in Oak Lawn Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Garrett or Ossian Presbyterian churches.

Condolences may be left at www.elzey-patterson rodak.com.

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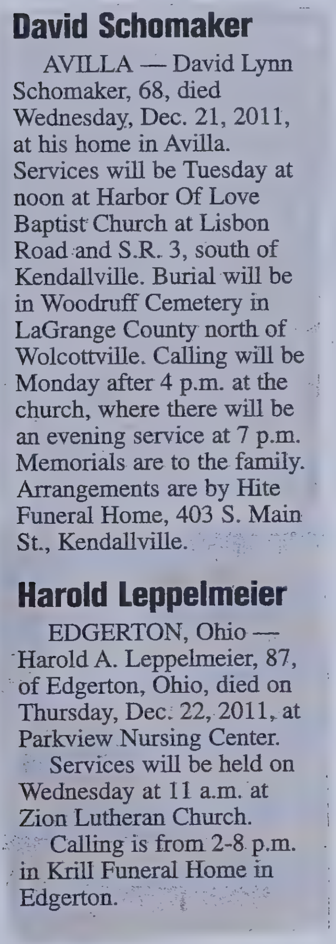

David Schomaker

AVILLA — David Lynn Schomaker, 68, died Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2011, at his home in Avilla. Services will be Tuesday at noon at Harbor Of Love Baptist Church at Lisbon Road and S.R. 3, south of Kendallville. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery in LaGrange County north of Wolcottville. Calling will be Monday after 4 p.m. at the church, where there will be an evening service at 7 p.m. Memorials are to the family. Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville.

Harold Leppelmeier

EDGERTON, Ohio — Harold A. Leppelmeier, 87, of Edgerton, Ohio, died on Thursday, Dec. 22, 2011, at Parkview Nursing Center.

Services will be held on Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church.

Calling is from 2-8 p.m. in Krill Funeral Home in Edgerton.

THE NEWS SUN
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December 24, 2011, Saturday

David Schomaker

AVILLA — David Lynn Schomaker, 68, peacefully went to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2011 at his home in Avilla.

Mr. Schomaker

Mr. Schomaker was born and raised on a farm in Spencer, Iowa, on March 31, 1943, to the late Bill and Belle (Dickerson) Schomaker.

He married Uthelene Conley on Oct. 25, 1980, at the Community Baptist Church near South Milford.

Dave was a semi truck driver for 40 years. He was employed with JB Hunt Transportation for 10 years. Before that, he drove semi for the Tyson Corporation for many years.

In his earlier days, Dave worked with his dad on the farm and drove a school bus. He also owned and operated a trucking company.

He loved going to church at Harbor Of Love Baptist Church where he faithfully attended. Dave loved fishing, watching NASCAR, and cooking and shopping with Brenda. He loved gardening and giving away all the vegetables from it. He enjoyed spending time in his garage, tinkering and fixing things and riding his moped all around town Avilla. Dave especially loved all his grandchildren and going to their ballgames and different events. He also loved his cat, Sugar, and watching his favorite shows, Storage Wars and Swamp People, on television. He simply enjoyed being with people, making new friends, and sharing a good laugh or two.

Survivors include his wife, Uthelene Schomaker of Avilla; two daughters, Brenda and Lynn Lash of Avilla and Jennifer Schomaker of Kendallville; two sons, Darris Schomaker of Queen Creek, Ariz., and David Schomaker Jr. of Mesa, Ariz.; grandchildren, Courtney and Alisha Schomaker of Mesa, Abbey Schomaker and a grandson, James Ross, both of Kendallville, Ashley and Nathan Rodenbeck of Avilla and Aaron Lash and Austin Lash, both of Avilla; a great-granddaughter, Aryanna Rodenbeck; two sisters, Jane and Cliff Huss of Palm Beach, Fla., and Marybelle Rhinehart of Minn.; two brothers, Billy Schomaker of Nebraska and Jack Schomaker of Spencer, Iowa; and many nieces and nephews also survive.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Ronnie Schomaker.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at noon at Harbor Of Love Baptist Church, at Lisbon Road and S.R. 3, south of Kendallville, with Pastor Charles Mosley officiating Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery in LaGrange County, north of Wolcottville. Casketbearers will be Lynn Lash, Aaron Lash, Austin Lash, Nathan Rodenbeck and Darris Schomaker.

Calling will be Monday after 4 p.m. at Harbor Of Love Baptist Church. There will be a evening service at 7 p.m.

Preferred memorials may be made to family.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of David by Monday at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Harold Leppelmeier

EDGERTON, Ohio — Harold A. Leppelmeier, 87, of Edgerton, Ohio, died at 5:05 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 22, 2011, at Parkview Nursing Center in Edgerton after an illness of one month.

Mr. Leppelmeier

Mr. Leppelmeier was a lifelong farmer and was a school bus driver for Edgerton Local Schools for 31 years. He was a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Edgerton, where he was a longtime trustee.

Mr. Leppelmeier was born on Nov. 8, 1924, near Edgerton, the son of Howard and Lydia (Fischer) Leppelmeier. He married Norita Lee on July 13, 1951, in Edgerton and she survives.

Survivors also include two sons, Ron (Cindy) Leppelmeier and Ken (Terri) Leppelmeier, both of Edgerton; one daughter, Jayne (Troy) Hile, also of Edgerton; seven grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and one brother, Ralph (Berneda) Leppelmeier, of Edgerton.

He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant sister.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Zion Lutheran Church near Edgerton. Burial will follow in Maple Grove Cemetery in Edgerton.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. in the Krill Funeral Home in Edgerton.

Memorials are to Zion Lutheran Church or to Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers Hospital Hospice.

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Ora Siders

NEW SMYRNA BEACh, Fla. — Ora A. Siders, 87, of New Smyrna Beach, Fla., died Thursday, Dec. 22, 2011, at Good Samaritan Society in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Mrs. Siders

Born in Continental, Ohio, Mrs. Siders moved from Angola to Vero Beach, Fla., in 1969 where her husband, Darl "Red" Siders worked for Arnold Ford. In the 1980s the family made their final move to New Smyrna Beach.

Mrs. Siders was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in New Smyrna Beach. She enjoyed baking, spending time with her family and her dog, plastic point, growing succulent and rock garden, and caring for several small poodles and shitzus. She also played cards and many other social activities at their home, Sugar Mill Ruins Travel Park. They joined a camping club which took them to many state parks throughout Florida.

Survivors include a son, Rodney Siders of Gainesville, Ga; sister, Mary Bachelor of Orland; two granddaughters, Nicole George of Jacksonville, Fla., and Lisa Bishop of Vero Beach, Fla.; and several loved nieces and nephews.

Ora was predeceased by her husband, Darl "Red" Siders, of 62 years in 2008.

Funeral service will be 11 a.m. on Thursday at Settle-Wilder's New Smyrna Beach Chapel, with Pastor Donald Reiter, Trinity Lutheran Church, officiating. Burial will follow at Sea Pines Memorial Gardens, Edgewater, Fla. Friends will be received Thursday from 10 a.m. until service time.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials to either Trinity Lutheran Church, 485 Turnbull Bay Rd., New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168 or Good Samaritan Society, 325 S. Seagrave St., Daytona Beach, FL 32114.

Condolences may be made at www.settlewilderfuneralhome.com.

Mary Bascom

COLDWATER, Mich. — Mary Lou Bascom, 83 of Coldwater, Mich., died Thursday Dec. 22, 2011, at the Maple Lawn Medical Care Facility.

She was born Feb. 8, 1928, in Fremont to Wayne and Lulu (Bailey) Smith. She married LaMar C. Bascom in 1953 in Angola. He preceded her in death on Jan. 25, 2007.

Mrs. Bascom was a homemaker and helped her husband on the family farm.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church, Coldwater, for more than 50 years. She also was a member of the Ruth Circle at the church. She and her husband were volunteers for meals on wheels for several years.

She graduated from Fremont High School in 1946.

Survivors include a nephew, Don (Kay) Smith of Fremont; a niece, Shirley (Bill) Lonsbury of Angola, and several other nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a sister Norene Smith, brothers Guy and Garford Smith, a great-niece and a great-nephew.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the Gillespie Funeral Home, Coldwater, with Rev. David Pierce officiating. Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery, Coldwater.

Calling will be from noon until time of service on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Humane Society of Branch County.

Condolences may be left at www.gillespiefh.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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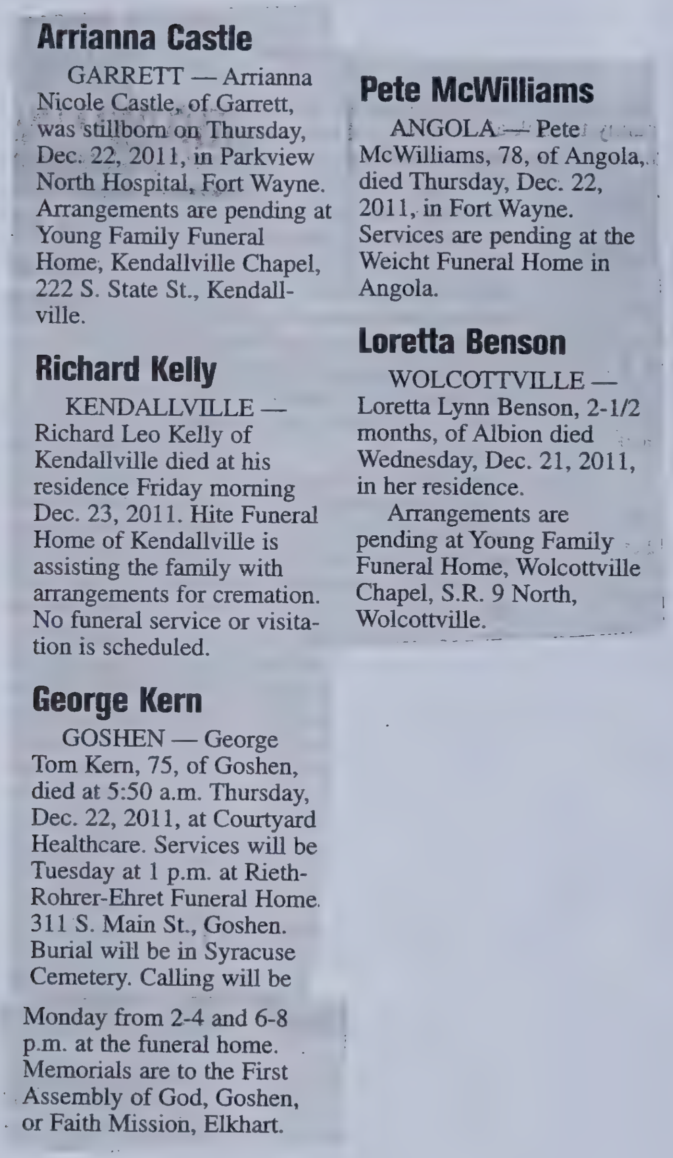
December 24, 2011, Saturday



Arrianna Castle

GARRETT — Arrianna Nicole Castle, of Garrett, was stillborn on Thursday, Dec. 22, 2011, in Parkview North Hospital, Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

Richard Kelly

KENDALLVILLE — Richard Leo Kelly of Kendallville died at his residence Friday morning Dec. 23, 2011. Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville is assisting the family with arrangements for cremation. No funeral service or visitation is scheduled.

George Kern

GOSHEN — George Tom Kern, 75, of Goshen, died at 5:50 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 22, 2011, at Courtyard Healthcare. Services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret Funeral Home. 311 S. Main St., Goshen. Burial will be in Syracuse Cemetery. Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are to the First Assembly of God, Goshen, or Faith Mission, Elkhart.

Pete McWilliams

ANGOLA — Pete McWilliams, 78, of Angola, died Thursday, Dec. 22, 2011, in Fort Wayne. Services are pending at the Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Loretta Benson

WOLCOTTVILLE — Loretta Lynn Benson, 2-1/2 months, of Albion died Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2011, in her residence.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
December 25, 2011, Sunday

Emerson was funny, smart, caring

East Noble theater veteran, 32, enjoyed movies and history

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Joe Emerson, left, with his sister, Laura (Emerson) Slusher, and brother, Dr. Robert Emerson.

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ROME CITY — "A great intellect, a great wit and a great friend have passed from this place," Benjamin King said about his boyhood friend, Joseph Mansfield Emerson.

Emerson, 32, of Rome City, died Nov. 26, 2011, following a 3 1/2-month illness.

King recalled the first time they met at an East Noble Theatre rehearsal. They were cast together in a production of "The Wizard of Oz." Emerson was in the seventh grade, and King was in the fifth grade.

"It was Joe's razor-sharp wit that most endeared him to me. We immediately realized that our senses of humor were similar," King said. They stayed close friends until Emerson's death.

Joe, as he was known by family and friends, graduated from East Noble High School in 1998. He was active in theater most of his school years. Longtime East Noble Theatre director Craig Munk first cast 6-year-old Joe as the youngest child in the East Noble Theatre production of the musical "The King and I" in 1985.

"I fondly remember him being moved from place to place on the set by the king simply grabbing him by the seat of his pants while he was still in a prostrate position," said Munk. "He was the cutest child actor."

The role launched Emerson into a 12-year involvement with East Noble Theatre. His next role was Tiny Tim in "The Christmas Carol." Munk said Emerson became one of his most versatile actors.

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"Joe created many memorable roles," Munk said. He played the young son in the 1994 production of "The Homecoming," Mr. Twimble, the retiring man in the mailroom in "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying," and the Artful Dodger in the 1997 production of the musical "Oliver." He last appeared on the Cole Auditorium stage in East Noble Theatre's 45th anniversary show this summer.

Emerson came from an East Noble Theatre family, following in the high school theatrical footsteps of his brother, Dr. Robert Emerson, and his sister, Laura. His mother, Sue, has been involved in East Noble Theatre for more than 30 years, according to Munk.

"He loved the theater and we loved Joe," Munk said.

Emerson's sister, Laura Slusher, described her brother as funny, smart and caring, and as one of her favorite people in the whole world. He loved history and film and graduated from Ball State's Honors College in 2002, majoring in history and film.

"He did a school project preserving some of our family history, recording experiences of our grandfather, Allen Emerson, and great uncle, John Emerson, in World War II," Slusher said.

Joe's caring, sharing attitude toward life was noted by Pastor Barbara Cross of Rome City United Methodist Church at his funeral service.

"Joe would go eat with residents at Sylvan Manor. They said he was always smiling and his eyes twinkled as he looked at the food," Cross said.

His friend, Adam Burwell from Waco, Texas, said he has never known a more thoughtful and kindhearted person.

Joe was a movie buff and enjoyed watching movies and discussing them. He often recommended movies to family members and friends.

History was one of his passions, according to his close friend, Tony Millus. Both shared a love for the history of the Roman Empire.

"Our discussions will be greatly missed," said Millus.

"Joe enjoyed dogs and cats," said his sister. He often made efforts to tame the barn kittens on his parents' farm in hopes of finding them adoptive homes.

"Every day I miss being able to just pick up the phone and talk to him. He had a good group of friends who are also deeply saddened by the loss," Slusher added.

Among those close friends are Kevin Jansen, Millus and King. He would get together with his friends on Monday nights for some "guy time," as Jansen described it.

"It was Joe's night. He decided what card game or board game we would play. He spent a lot of time organizing the evening's events, and we knew he looked forward to each Monday night," Jansen said.

Millus recalled how his friend looked forward to goose hunting in the fall and winter months. Joe didn't leave the house early in the mornings like most hunters.

"His shooting abilities made up for the patience that most hunters need to have," said Millus. "Joe would wander off to the pond (on the family farm), where he knew the geese would be. You would hear a couple of shots, and he would come back to the house with his limit."

He enjoyed having fun with his friends.

"My fellow historian and oldest friend is now a part of my history, and geese everywhere are a bit safer," Millus said.

Asked for his thoughts about his close friend, King spoke not only about his intellect, wit and friendship, but looked to a future with his boyhood buddy.

"Those that did not have the privilege of knowing Joe in this life may know him in the next," King said. "I know I'll be looking him up."

Emerson is survived by his parents, Lawrence E. and Sue Ann (Stump) Emerson of Rome City; sister and brother-in-law, Laura and Bruce Slusher of Swanton, Ohio; a brother and sister-in-law, Dr. Robert Emerson and Dr. Anne Marie Monty of Carmel; and two nephews, Martin L. Emerson and George D. Emerson, both of Carmel.

He is buried in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

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Bonnie Gnau

FORT WAYNE — Bonnie Eileen Gnau, 94, of Fort Wayne, passed away peacefully at Parkview Noble Hospital on Dec. 22, 2011.

Mrs. Gnau

Born Nov. 17, 1917, in Fort Wayne, she was the only daughter of Leo and Grace (Barner) Fetter.

After graduation from the Saint Catherine Academy, she worked as a secretary for the Boss Glove Factory in Fort Wayne.

She was married on June 20, 1940, to Charles Gnau. He preceded her in death.

Bonnie was very active in the G.E. Squares wives, St. Patrick's Catholic Church Rosary Society, The Gardeners of America/Men's Garden Club, National Home Garden Club, a lifetime member of the Garden Club of Indiana, and a volunteer at the Botanical Conservatory. She enjoyed spending time at her cottage on Sylvan Lake during the summers. The past six years she was a resident of Provena Sacred Heart Assisted Living in Avilla, where she received excellent care.

Surviving are her daughter, Cheri (John) Kessen of Rome City; her son, Robert (Rebecca) Gnau of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren, Jonathan Kessen, Richard Gnau, and Eileen Heinze; and five great grandchildren, Carter Gnau, Luke Kessen, Kennedy Heinze, Cameron Gnau, and Savannah Heinze.

She was also preceded in death by a grandson, Nathan Kessen, and a granddaughter, Jenny Gnau.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in St. Gaspar Catholic Church in Rome City, with Father Bernard Ramenaden officiating. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne at 2:30 p.m.

Calling is one hour prior to the services at the church.

Preferred memorials are masses to the church, Provena Sacred Heart Assisted Living, 515 North Main Street, Avilla, IN 46710, or Allen County SPCA, 4914 South Hanna Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46806. Envelopes will be available at the church.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, is assisting the family with arrangements.

View a video tribute after Wednesday or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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Robert Mangus

HAMILTON — Robert R. Mangus, 61, of Hamilton died Friday, Dec. 23 at his home in Hamilton.

He was born Oct. 6, 1950 in Adrian, Mich., to Robert E. and Pearl (Escott) Mangus. His father survives in Butler, and his mother survives in Ocala, Fla.

Robert was a farmer and self-employed truck driver for Evans Trucking in Butler.

He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Butler, the Butler American Legion Post 202 and the Sheriff's Posse in Leelanau County, Mich.

Mr. Mangus

He enjoyed farming, rodeos and bronco horse riding.

He married Margaret M. Bauer on Oct. 28, 1968, in Michigan Center, Mich. and she survives. He is also survived by a daughter, Charlotte M. (Roy) Ahrndt of Butler; a son, Danny R. (Beth) Mangus of Middleburg, Fla.; two brothers, Luck (Leslie) Mangus of Hudson, Mich.; Rock Mangus of Jackson, Mich.; a sister, Julie (Joe) Adams of Ocala, Fla.; in-laws, Pat (Patricia) Bauer of Jacksonville, Fla.; Mike Bauer of Tampa, Fla.; Bill Bauer of Jacksonville, Fla.; Betty Bresnahan of Jacksonville, Fla.; Laurie Bauer of Jacksonville, Fla.; Barb Webster of St. Augustine, Fla.; Loann (Richard) Robinson of Hamilton; a father-in-law, Robert J. Bauer of Jacksonville, Fla.; five grandchildren, Aaron J Ahrndt, Alan R. Ahrndt, Alicia E. Ahrndt, Amanda Mangus and Malisa Mangus; two great-grandchildren, Lane Mangus and Lucy Mangus.

He was preceded in death by his mother-in-law, Mary M. Bauer; a brother-in-law, Bobby Bauer; and a sister-in-law, Terri Bauer.

Services will be 4 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 27, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 South Wayne St., Waterloo with Pastor Dennis Gauger officiating. Calling will be two hours prior to the service from 2-4 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Preferred memorials can be directed to the Butler Eagles.

To send condolences visit www.fellerandclark,com.

Lynn Smith

BRYAN, Ohio — Lynn L. "Smitty" Smith, 83, formerly of Hicksville, died Dec. 23, 2011 at Community Wellness Centers, Bryan.

Lynn was born June 12, 1928 at Hicksville, Ohio the son of the late Gale H. and Angie (Arants) Smith.

He was a 1946 graduate of Hicksville High School. He served the United States during the Korean conflict as a forward observer. Lynn was a member of the American Legion Post #0307, Pioneer, Ohio.

Lynn was employed as a machinist at Aro, Challenge Cook and retired from D.A.S. in Angola. Lynn was the owner of Smitty's Pizza in downtown Bryan and Hicksville. He was a member of the Pulaski United Methodist Church. Lynn was an avid sports fan and enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren.

Lynn is survived by three daughters, Ellen (Lenny) Leach and Gail (Ken) Roth both of Bryan, and Trisha Smith of Magnolia, Texas; six grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, two brothers, Loren (Martha) Smith of Hicksville, Leslie (Diane) Smith of Waterville, and a sister Lana (Charles) Missler of Bryan.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother Lloyd, a sister Louise and a daughter Laura.

The funeral service for Lynn will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville. Visitation will be Tuesday, 4-8 p.m.

Burial and military honors will be at Six Corners Cemetery, Hicksville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pioneer American Legion.

Online condolences may be shared at www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com.

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Steven Stickney

GARRETT — Steven Stickney, 32, of Garrett, died Sunday, Dec. 25, 2011 at his home in Garrett.

He was born Aug. 7, 1979 in Auburn to Walter and Elvia (Moreno) Stickney. They survive in Garrett.

Also surviving are: his life partner, Alice Phillips of Garrett; a daughter, Ashten Stickney of Garrett; a son, Jonah Stickney of Garrett; and a sister and brother-in-law, Shannon and Nathan Marquis of Butler.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Shelia Stickney.

There will be no services at this time. A memorial service will take place at a later date.

Memorials may be directed to the Ronald McDonald House of Fort Wayne, 2200 Randalia Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46805-4638.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Loretta Benson

ALBION — Loretta Lynn Benson, 2 1/2 months, of Albion died Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2011 at her residence.

Services were Monday in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

Glenn Miller

MIDDLEBURY — Glenn Jay Miller, 84, of Middlebury, died at 9:15 a.m. Monday, Dec. 26, 2011 at his daughter's home in Middlebury.

Visitation will be 4:30-7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 29, 2011 at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, 1003 S. Main St. Middlebury.

A private graveside service with military honors performed by American Legion Post 210 will be at a later date in Grace Lawn Cemetery, Middlebury.

Memorials may be given to the Center for Hospice Care or the Middlebury Community Historical Museum.

James Alford

CROMWELL — James Edward Alford, 62, of Cromwell, died Monday, Dec. 26, 2011 at Marion VA Hospital in Marion, Ind.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 29, 2011 at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier IN 46767. Burial will be take place at Maple Grove Cemetery in Topeka, Ind.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2011 at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Noble County Humane Society.

John Shepherd

COSPERVILLE — John Shepherd, 69, of Cosperville, died Monday, Dec. 26, 2011 at Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Norman Smyser

FORT WAYNE — Norman Eugene Smyser, 76, died Monday, Dec. 26, 2011 at his residence in Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Russell Carteaux Sr.

KENDALLVILLE — Russell Carteaux Sr., 88, of Kendallville, formerly of Avilla, died Monday, Dec. 26, 2011 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla.

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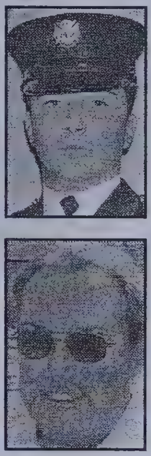
Gary Smith

LAGRANGE — Gary Franklin Smith, 66, of Eve Lake in LaGrange County, died Sunday, December 25, 2011 at his home on Eve Lake.



Mr. Smith

Mr. Smith was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on September 5, 1945 to the late Jacob Franklin and Gwendolyn Maxine (Kitzmiller) Smith who survives.

He served his country during the Vietnam War in the United States Navy from 1962 to 1966.

Gary was a retired Fort Wayne firefighter serving for 15 years on the Fort Wayne Fire Department.

Gary loved spending time with his daughter and grandkids. He was a wonderful role model for them and a loving father, grandfather and brother. He loved living on Eve Lake and the beauty of the outdoors. He enjoyed gardening, fishing and spending time in Florida. Gary was well loved by many with a wonderfully wicked sense of humor. He was a funny guy who loved to laugh. He was also a very selfless man who was always thinking how he could help others.

Gary enjoyed being with his friends at the American Legion Post 86, the V.F.W. Post 2749, the Moose and the Eagle Lodges in Kendallville where he was a member.

Survivors include: his mother, Gendolyn Smith of Santa Claus, Indiana; his daughter, Alexis Smith of Eve Lake in LaGrange County; grandchildren, Alyssa Smith and Kaiden Thacker both of Eve Lake; a brother, Kevin and Jeanne Smith of Fort Wayne; a sister, Vicki and Frank Fowler of Santa Claus, Indiana; and a niece and nephew, Ashley and Rick Baker of Algiers, Indiana, and Robert Fowler of Santa Claus.

Visitation will be today from 3 to 7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville. Members of the Fort Wayne Fire Department will stand at the casket during the calling hours in silent guard in honor of their fellow firefighter.

Funeral services with military honors will be Wednesday, December 28, 2011 at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home. Officiating will be Rev. James Tews.

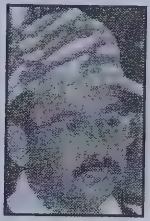
Military honors will be conducted by members of the honor guard teams from V.F.W. Post 2749, Kendallville, and American Legion Post 381, Rome City. A flag folding ceremony will be conducted by active troops from the Fort Wayne Regional Honor Guard Team.

Memorials may be made to Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana, 6316 Mutual Drive, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46825.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Gary at www.hitefuneralhome.com or find the funeral home on Facebook.com.

Paul Ervin Jr.

BUTLER — Paul C. "Bud" Ervin Jr. died Sunday, December 25, 2011 at IU Medical Center, Indianapolis.



Mr. Ervin

Paul was born June 29, 1953 in Kansas City, Mo., to Paul C. Sr. and W. JoAnn (nee Grimm) Ervin. His father passed away on January 3, 2006, and his mother survives in Butler.

Paul attended Butler Elementary School, Eastside High School, Northwest College of Archibald, Ohio, and Toledo University in Toledo, OH.

Bud enjoyed life to the fullest, and cherished his daughter Tracy of Bozeman, MT. his sister Rebecca of Fort Lauderdale, FL, and three brothers, Charles of Schertz, TX. and James and David of Butler. He is also survived by nieces and nephews, JoAnn, Linda, Suzanna, Tiffany, Christopher, Bradley, April and many cousins.

Services will be 1 p.m. Friday, December 30, 2011 at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 South Wayne Street, Waterloo, IN. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling will be one hour prior to the services Friday from noon until 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials can be given in Bud's name to the charity of the donor's choice.

To send condolences visit www.fellerandclark.com.

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E. Martin Donahue

Mr. Donahue

FORT WAYNE — F. Martin Donahue, 76, of Fort Wayne, passed away Sunday, December, 25, 2011.

Born in Marion, Ind., Martin served in the Army and retired from GTE in 1995.

He was a member of Maple Grove United Methodist Church; past master of Three Rivers Lodge No. 733; past High Priest of Chapter No. 19; Past III. Master of Council No. 4; past Commander of Commandery No. 4; KYCH Priory No. 8; Knight Commander of the Temple, Grand Encampment USA; past Governor of York Rite College and OPC, Indiana College No. 55; Yeomen of York, Angola No. 2; past Sovereign Master AMD, Pokagon No. 147; Scottish Rite, Valley Fort Wayne; Fort Wayne Jester; past State President of Hi-12, Fort Wayne; Distinguished Service Award, Grand Commandery of Indiana; Sir Knight of the Year Award; serves as Deputy Batallion Commander, Grand Commandery of Indiana; served as Royal Arch Deputy, Grand Chapter of Indiana; and the Mizpah Shrine Band. He also was a van driver for the Hospital Unit of the Shriners.

He is survived by his wife of 271/2 years, Esther; children, Sharon (Rob) Monnier-Bauer of Butler, Ind., Kara Evans of Columbia City, Ind., Steven Donahue of Butler, Ind., Becky (Branden) Parks of East Peoria, Ill., and Michael Donahue of Greenwood, Ind.; brother, Richard Donahue of Marion; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Martin was preceded in death by his parents, Francis and Helen Donahue.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, December 30, 2011 at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 East Dupont Rd. with visitation one hour prior. Calling also from 5 to 9 p.m. Thursday, December 29, 2011 at the funeral home Masonic Services at 8 p.m. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Shriners Hospital for Children, Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana, Heartland Hospice or his church.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

Maxine Watson

Mrs. Watson

KENDALLVILLE — Maxine Watson, 71, of Kendallville, died Monday, December 26, 2011 at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Watson was born in Blackey, Kentucky on May 2, 1940 to Arthur Caudill and Josie (Bailey) Caudill. Her mother was killed in an automobile accident on January 6, 1956. Maxine, being the oldest child, took the responsibility of raising her siblings, James, 12, Geraldine, 9, and Jerry, 3. She married Harlow Watson on September 20, 1958 in Battle Creek, Michigan and together they continued raising the family and eventually their own.

In 1968, the family moved to Kendallville where Maxine earned her geriatric technician diploma. She was a geriatric technician at the Lutheran Home in Kendallville and a nurses aid at the former McCray Hospital in Kendallville.

Survivors include: her husband, Harlow Watson of Kendallville; two sons, Tim Watson of Kendallville, and Craig and Laura Watson of Kendallville; one daughter, Jodi and Mark Brayton of Kendallville; three grandchildren, Michael and Coral Watson of Austin, Texas; Kayliegh Watson of Chicago, Illinois, and Emily Brayton of Kendallville; great-granddaughter, Alaina Watson of Albion; two brothers, James Caudill of Battle Creek, Michigan, Jerry and Liz Ann Caudill of Charlotte, Michigan; and one sister, Jeri Clugston and Harold Gussman of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

A memorial service will be Thursday, December 29, 2011 at 2 p.m. at Avilla Assembly of God, 125 Baum Street in Avilla. Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Dan Conley. Burial will be at a later date in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com of fund Hite Funeral Home on Facebook.com.

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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Michael Herman

Mr.Herman

FORT WAYNE — Michael M. Herman, 68, died Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2011.

He worked as an accountant with Raytheon for 32 years, retiring in 2000.

He was a member of Emanuel Lutheran Church, New Haven, an Army veteran, and former Adams Township volunteer firefighter. He was a loving brother and avid hunter and fisherman who enjoyed spending time at Jimmerson Lake. He enjoyed watching the Browns and Dodgers games.

Surviving are: three brothers, Edward (Margaret) Herman of Angola, Ind., DuWayne Herman of Decatur, Ind., and David (Suzanne) Herman of Tomball, Texas; and nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Norbert and Selma Herman.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 29, 2011 at D.O. McComb and Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne, with Pastor Phillip Phifer officiating. Burial will be in Emanuel Lutheran Cemetery, New Haven.

Calling will be one hour prior to the services at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Family Life Care in Berne, Ind., or donor's choice.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons/com.

Martha Custer

GARRETT — Martha J. Custer, 88, of Garrett, died at 12:45 a.m. Sunday, December 25, 2011 at her home.

Mrs. Custer

She was born November 23, 1923 in Garrett to Roy A. and Maggie M. (Caid) McKinley and they preceded her in death. She married Wayne C. Custer on March 3, 1945 in Ohio and he survives in Garrett.

Martha worked as a waitress at Plattner's/Shippy's Steakhouse retiring in the 1980s. She also worked at Messengers in Auburn, Gala and Royal Theaters and at the Behler Pharmacy in Garrett as well as being a homemaker. She was a member of the Garrett Presbyterian Church.

Martha is survived by two daughters, Marsha (Tom) Armstrong of Auburn, and Cheryl (Robert) Clelland of Havre de Grace, Md.; a son, Todd (Mariko) Custer of Garrett; two grandsons, Scott (Valerie) Armstrong of Auburn, and Marc (Krista) Armstrong of Noblesville; two granddaughters, Chantal (Grant) Crabtree of Corunna, and Erica Likens; five great-grandchildren, Landon, Lily and Elle Armstrong of Auburn, and Sadie and Hudson Armstrong of Noblesville; and a step-great-grandson, Brooks Crabtree of Corunna.

Martha was also preceded in death by a daughter, Connie Jean Custer; daughter-in-law, Kathy Hughes Custer; two brothers, Earl and George McKinley; and five sisters, Jessie Mae Short, Mary Sithen, Betty Whirledge, Cletus Rowe and Margaret Franke.

A funeral service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2011 at Thomas Funeral Home, with Al Black officiating. Calling will take place from 4-7 p.m. Burial will take place at a later date in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Memorials are to DeKalb Home Health and Hospice or Gene Stratton Porter State Memorial.

Send a condolence or sign the online register book by visiting www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

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Gloria Adkins

HUNTINGTON — Gloria J. Adkins, 80, of Huntington, died Sunday, December 25, 2011 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Gloria was born September 16, 1931, in Huntington, the daughter of Carl and Evelyn (Jones) Wilson. She graduated from high school. Gloria married Robert Adkins on September 10, 1976 in Huntington. He preceded her in death on November 7, 2006.

Gloria retired in 1989 from Stanadyne Distribution Center in Garrett where she was the Personnel Director for 10 years. She was a member of Central Christian Church. Gloria loved her family and her dog, Jazzy.

Gloria is survived by two sons — Terry Beekman of Michigan and Steve Beekman of Vermillion, Ohio; five daughters — Gail (Mike) Baum of Warsaw, Rhonda (Greg) Kenline of Albion, Kay (Terry) Pfister of Huntington, Pam (John) Green of South Bend and Missie (Brad) Tempest of Columbus; 16 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. Her parents and brothers, Clyde Wilson, Carl Wilson and Dick Wilson, preceded her in death.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Friday, December 30, 2011 at Bailey-Love Mortuary. Graveside service and burial will follow at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Huntington. Rev. Ray Scribner will officiate.

Memorial constributions may be made to Airedale Terrier Rescue and Adoption or Humane Society of Huntington County in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35, West Park Drive, Huntington, IN 46750.

Please sign the online guestbook at www.baileylove.com. Bailey-Love Mortuary was honored to serve the Gloria J. Adkins family.

Robert Stilwell

KENDALLVILLE — Robert E. Stilwell, 91, went to be with our heavenly Father and his wife on Christmas morning, Sunday, December, 25, 2011.

Mr. Stilwell

Born in Fort Wayne, Bob was a toolmaker and manufacturing design engineer with International Harvester and Auburn Gear, retiring in1987.

He was past board member with the Fort Wayne Ballet where he volunteered with music and backgrounds. He also worked with lights in the beginning years at Creative Arts School of Ballet in Bluffton. He was a member of Summit City Lodge No. 170, F & AM, American Legion Post 296 and was a WWII U.S. Coast Guard veteran.

Bob was a man of many talents. There was not anything he could not do or repair. He was not a common man, but an uncommon man with common sense. Bob was a special, loving, caring and kind man rhat will be forever missed.

Surviving are: his daughter Pam (John) Talarico, and granddaughter Tana (Bo McKie) Talarico, both of Fort Wayne; great-grandson Brice Vinson of Loyola University, Chicago, Ill.; and brother Howard (Martha) Stilwell of Fort Wayne.

Robert was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Dorothy J. Stilwell, brothers, Albert and Clifford, and sister Esther Marsh.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, December 30, 2011 at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 East Dupont Road with Pastor Joe V. Collins officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling will be one hour prior to the services and 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, December 29, 2011 at the funeral home with Masonic service at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials may be made to Hospice Home.

To sign the online guest book go to www.mccombandsons.com.

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Russell Carteaux Sr.

AVILLA — Russell J. Carteaux Sr., lifetime Avilla resident and business owner, died on Monday, December 26, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had been in declining health for the past month.

Mr. Carteaux

The son of William L. and Alice C. (Schmenk) Carteaux, he was born on March 13, 1923, at his parent's farm house in Avilla. He graduated from Avilla High School in the class of 1941. He received his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Purdue University.

On June 9, 1951, he married Nelle Esther White at the Auburn Catholic Church in Auburn. She died on May 11, 2010.

Mr. Carteaux was the owner and operator of Carteaux TV and Appliance in Avilla.

He was a United States Army veteran of WWII and the Korean Conflict.

Mr. Carteaux was very active in his community. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and Avilla American Legion Post #240, where he was very active in the Honor Guard and served as Chaplain. He was a member of the Avilla Lions Club for many years and held every office and for many years up until this past year he served as club treasurer. He also ran the Lion's Club booth at the Noble County Fairgrounds and he received the Melvin Jones Fellow Award.

He was the director of the Noble County Civil Defense (now known as Emergency Management) from 1969 to 2007. During his tenure as director, he was part of many changes in the emergency services. He also served on the county LEPC and S.A.R.A.H committees.

Mr. Carteaux was the commissioner of the Boy Scouts, a member of the Avilla Chamber of Commerce, which he was named twice the Avilla Citizen of The Year Award.

He also belonged to stamp clubs, and the Hoosier Hisser Cat Club. In his formative years, he was involved in the Avilla Youth Baseball Assoc., serving as a coach and umpire.

Besides his many civil and military service awards, he was awarded the Medal of Honor by the DAR — this award is the highest award one can receive by the DAR.

Surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Russell Jr. and Laura Carteaux of Avilla, Richard and Tina Carteaux of Marion, David and Connie Carteaux of Kendallville and Timothy and Lora Carteaux of Kendallville; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Jane Cartwright of Wilmington, Jean and Ed Hollis of Grandville, Michigan, and Ann and Mark Robbins of Kendallville; 23 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; a brother, Tom and Carolin Carteaux of Auburn; and a sister-in-law, Velma Carteaux of Auburn.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Nelle; his sisters, Lavon Jansen, Teresa Kebart, Barbara Carteaux and Beverly Floyd; his brothers, Robert Carteaux and Larry Carteaux; a son-in-law, Robert Catrwright; and three grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial will be on Friday, December 30, 2011, at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. Father Ed Eperlding will officiate.

Visitation will be from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. on Thursday at Brazzell Funeral home, Avilla Chapel. A rosary service will be at 8 p.m. Visitation also will be one hour prior to the Mass Friday at the church.

Burial following the Mass will be at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla. American Legion Post #240 will conduct military rites. His grandchildren will serve as pallbearers and honorary pallbearer will be Bruce Carteaux.

Please make memorials in Russ' memory to the Lions Club Scholarship Fund or the American Legion Scholarship Fund.

Go to brazzellfuneralhome.com to send online condolences.

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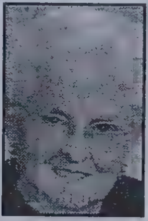
Martha Custer

GARRETT — Martha J. Custer, 88, of Garrett, died at 12:45 a.m. Sunday, December 25, 2011, at her home.


Mrs. Custer

She was born November 23, 1923, in Garrett to Roy A. and Maggie M. (Caid) McKinley and they preceded her in death. She married Wayne C. Custer on March 3, 1945, in Ohio and he survives in Garrett.

Martha worked as a waitress at Plattner's/Shippy's Steakhouse retiring in the 1980s. She also worked at Messengers in Auburn, Gala and Royal Theaters and at the Behler Pharmacy in Garrett as well as being a homemaker. She was a member of the Garrett Presbyterian Church.

Martha is survived by two daughters, Marsha (Tom) Armstrong of Auburn, and Cheryl (Robert) Clelland of Havre de Grace, Md.; a son, Todd (Mariko) Custer of Garrett; two grandsons, Scott (Valerie) Armstrong of Auburn, and Marc (Krista) Armstrong of Noblesville; two granddaughters, Erica Likens of Baltimore, Md., and Jessica Custer of Garrett; a stepgranddaughter, Chantal (Grant) Crabtree of Corunna; five great-grandchildren, Landon, Lily and Elle Armstrong of Auburn, and Sadie and Hudson Armstrong of Noblesville; and a stepgreat-grandson, Brooks Crabtree of Corunna.

Martha was also preceded in death by a daughter, Connie Jean Custer; daughter-in-law, Kathy Hughes Custer; two brothers, Earl and George McKinley; and five sisters, Jessie Mae Short, Mary Sithen, Betty Whirledge, Cletus Rowe and Margaret Franke.

A funeral service will be at 7 p.m. today, Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2011, at Thomas Funeral Home, with Al Black officiating. Calling will take place from 4-7 p.m. Burial will take place at a later date in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Memorials are to DeKalb Home Health and Hospice or Gene Stratton Porter State Memorial.

Send a condolence or sign the online register book by visiting www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Shirley Loriot

FORT WAYNE — Shirley Ann (Buchanan) Loriot, 77, of Fort Wayne and formerly of New London, Ohio, died Monday, Dec. 26, 2011, at Saint Anne Home of Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Loriot

Mrs. Loriot was a homemaker. She also served as the New London Village Clerk in New London, Ohio, from 1968 to 1971. Mrs. Loriot was born in Tiffin, Ohio, on Oct. 12, 1934, to Earl Bowman and Marjorie (Shultis) Bowman. She married Raymond Loriot in 1978 in Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death on Dec. 27, 1989.

Surviving are three daughters, Terri and Kim Oster of Fort Wayne, Tami Johnson of Milan, Ohio, and Tonda and Bill Jackson of Norwalk, Ohio; nine grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; one brother; and two sisters.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; two infant great-grandchildren; and one brother, Russell Lee Stahl.

Visitation will be from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday at Saint Anne Home, 1900 Randallia Drive in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Saint Anne Home.

Burial will be at Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran School in Kendallville and Saint Anne Home.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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John Shepherd

COSPERVILLE — John B. Shepherd, age 69, of Cosperville, Ind., passed away Monday, December 26, 2011, at 3:27 p.m. at Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Kendallville, Ind.

Mr. Shepherd

He was born on July 27, 1942, to Odis and Ethel (Johnson) Shepherd in Prestonburg, Ky. On March 8, 1996, he married Sandra Anthony Miller. She survives.

He retired from Skyline RV in Elkhart and had also owned and operated JB Shepherd Landscaping for several years.

John loved to work outdoors and was an avid NASCAR and Dale Earnhardt Jr. fan.

He was a member of Sons of the American Legion Post 243 in Ligonier.

John is survived by his wife, Sandra Shepherd of Cosperville; four children, Michael (Angela) Shepherd of Port St. Lucie, Fla., Regina Tobiassen of West Palm Springs, Fla., Corina (Kurt) Minard of Wellington, Fla., and Delana (Alex) Pratt of Elkhart, Ind.; six stepchildren; 26 grandchildren; and two brothers, Arnold (Diane) Shepherd of Wauseon, Ohio, and Don M. (Patty) Shepherd of Ligonier.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Riley and Raymond Shepherd.

A funeral service will be held on Friday, December 30, 2011, at noon at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier. Burial will take place at Waterloo Memorial Cemetery in Waterloo, Ind.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, December 29, 2011, from 3-8 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions are to the family in care of Yeager Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

James Alford

CROMWELL — James Edward Alford, age 62, of Cromwell, Ind., passed away Monday, December 26, 2011, at Marion VA Hospital in Marion, Ind.

He was born on March 12, 1949, to James L. and Julia A. (Shaw) Alford in Manchester, Tenn. On January 26, 1980, he married Nettie Jean Jacobs in Cromwell, Ind.

He served in the United States Army during Vietnam working as a supply truck driver.

Mr. Alford enjoyed working with wood, model cars, and his cats.

He is survived by his wife, Nettie Alford of Cromwell; three children, Lisa (Keith) Dunbar of Wawaka, Peggy (James) Jonas of Albion, and Angel Terry of Cromwell; four grandchildren; and a brother Robert (Robbie) Tate of Woodbury, Tenn.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A funeral service will be held in Mr. Alford's honor on Thursday, December 29, 2011 at 1 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, with Pastor Jimmy shepherd officiating. Burial will take place at Maple Grove Cemetery in Topeka, IN.

A visitation will be held on Wednesday, December 28, 2011, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be directed to Noble County Humane Society.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

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Arrianna Castle

GARRETT — Arrianna Nicole Castle of Garrett was stillborn Thursday, Dec. 22, 2011. She is the daughter of James Booth of Kendallville and Heather Castle of Garrett.

A memorial service will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Billy Tuttle and the Rev. Brent Wedding officiating.

Calling will be two hours prior to the service at the funeral home.

Teena Fulbright

AUBURN — Teena M. Fulbright, 70, of Auburn died Monday, Dec. 26, 2011, at DeKalb Health in Auburn.

Private family services are planned for a later date.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is assisting the family with arrangements

Edwin Persons Sr.

TAMPA, Fla. — Edwin Persons Sr., 87, formerly of Kendallville died Tuesdsay, Dec. 28, 2011, at Grand Court Assisted Living in Tampa where he was spending the winter with his family.

Funeral services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Norman Smyser

FORT WAYNE — Norman E. Smyser, 76, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Dec. 26, 2011, at his home.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Avalon Missionary Church, West Campus, 1500 Lower Huntington Road, Fort Wayne.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice, 1900 Carew St., Suite 6, Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

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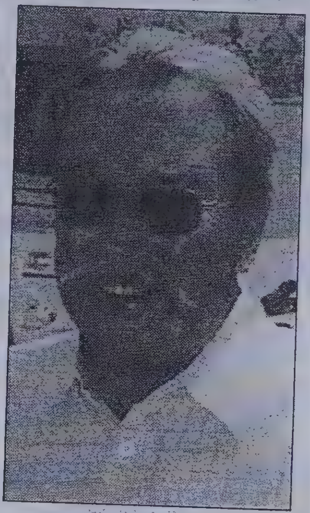
Gary F. Smith, 66



Gary Franklin Smith, age 66, of Eve Lake in LaGrange County, died on Sunday, December 25, 2011 at his home on Eve Lake.

Mr. Smith was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on September 5, 1945 to the late Jacob Franklin and Gwendolyn Maxine (Kitzmiller) Smith who survives.

He served his country during the Vietnam War in the United States Navy from 1962 to 1966.

Gary was a retired Fort Wayne firefighter serving for 15 years on the Fort Wayne Fire Department.

He was also employed for 25 years with Sears in Fort Wayne as a journeyman in the service department.

Gary loved spending time with his daughter and grandkids. He was a wonderful role model for them and a loving father, grandfather, and brother. He loved living on Eve Lake and the beauty of the outdoors. He enjoyed gardening, fishing, and spending time in Florida. Gary was well loved by many with a wonderfully wicked sense of humor.

He was a very funny guy who loved to laugh. He was also a very selfless man who was always thinking of how he could help others.

Gary enjoyed being with his friends at the American Legion Post #86, the V.F.W. Post #2749, the Moose and the Eagles Lodges, all in Kendallville where he was a member.

Survivors include his mother, Gwendolyn Smith of Santa Claus, IN; his daughter, Alexis Smith of Eve Lake in LaGrange County; grandchildren: Alyssa Smith and Kaiden Thacker both of Eve Lake; brother, Kevin and Jeanne Smith of Fort Wayne; sister, Vicki and Frank Fowler of Santa Claus, IN; a niece and nephew: Ashley and Rick Baker of Algiers, IN and Robert Fowler of Santa Claus.

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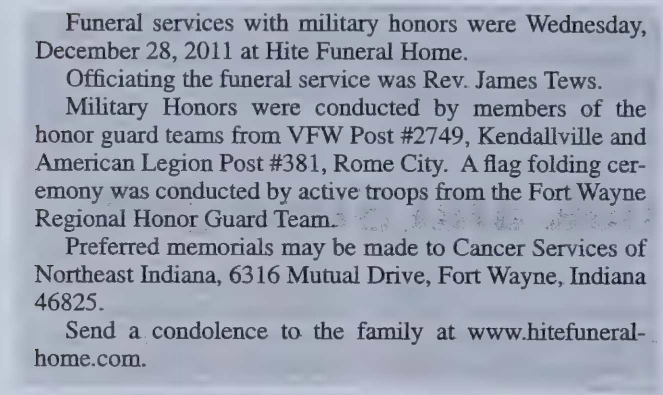


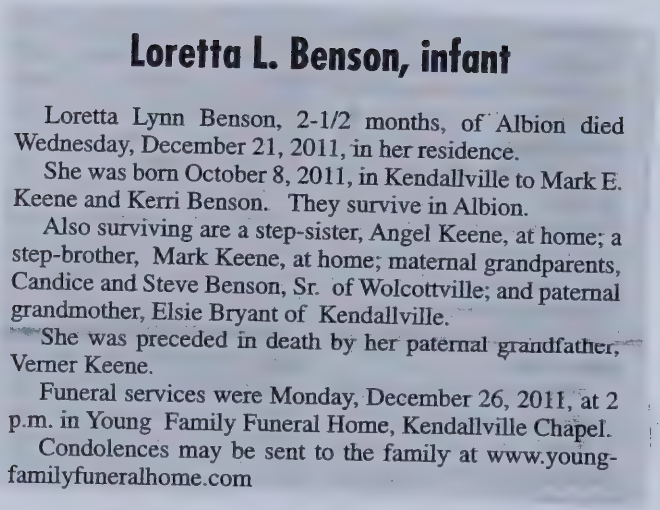
Funeral services with military honors were Wednesday, December 28, 2011 at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. James Tews.

Military Honors were conducted by members of the honor guard teams from VFW Post #2749, Kendallville and American Legion Post #381, Rome City. A flag folding ceremony was conducted by active troops from the Fort Wayne Regional Honor Guard Team.

Preferred memorials may be made to Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana, 6316 Mutual Drive, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46825.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.



Loretta L. Benson, infant

Loretta Lynn Benson, 2-1/2 months, of Albion died Wednesday, December 21, 2011, in her residence.

She was born October 8, 2011, in Kendallville to Mark E. Keene and Kerri Benson. They survive in Albion.

Also surviving are a step-sister, Angel Keene, at home; a step-brother, Mark Keene, at home; maternal grandparents, Candice and Steve Benson, Sr. of Wolcottville; and paternal grandmother, Elsie Bryant of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandfather, Verner Keene.

Funeral services were Monday, December 26, 2011, at 2 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

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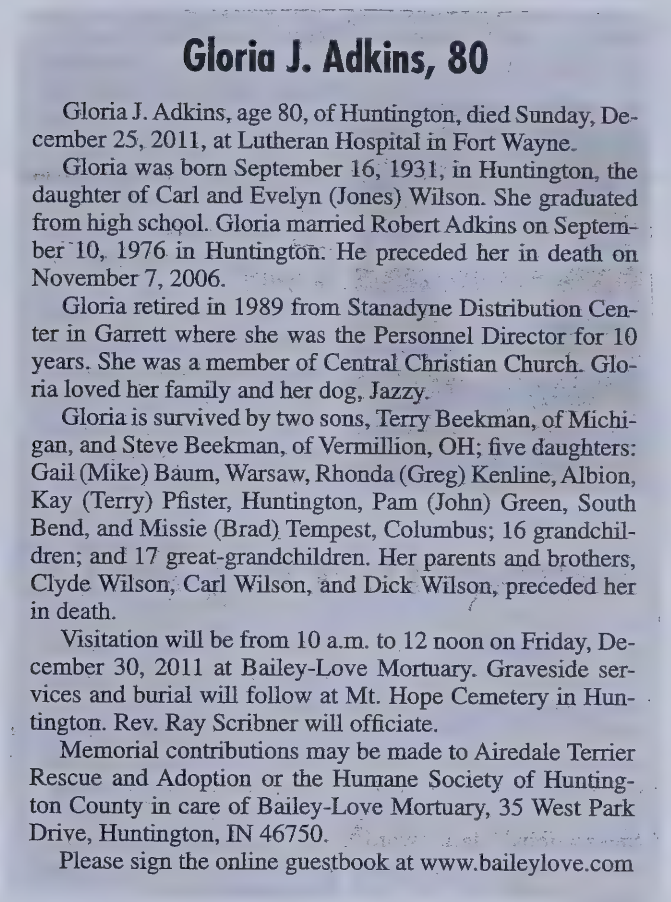

Gloria J. Adkins, 80

Gloria J. Adkins, age 80, of Huntington, died Sunday, December 25, 2011, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Gloria was born September 16, 1931, in Huntington, the daughter of Carl and Evelyn (Jones) Wilson. She graduated from high school. Gloria married Robert Adkins on September 10, 1976 in Huntington. He preceded her in death on November 7, 2006.

Gloria retired in 1989 from Stanadyne Distribution Center in Garrett where she was the Personnel Director for 10 years. She was a member of Central Christian Church. Gloria loved her family and her dog, Jazzy.

Gloria is survived by two sons, Terry Beekman, of Michigan, and Steve Beekman, of Vermillion, OH; five daughters: Gail (Mike) Baum, Warsaw, Rhonda (Greg) Kenline, Albion, Kay (Terry) Pfister, Huntington, Pam (John) Green, South Bend, and Missie (Brad) Tempest, Columbus; 16 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren. Her parents and brothers, Clyde Wilson, Carl Wilson, and Dick Wilson, preceded her in death.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Friday, December 30, 2011 at Bailey-Love Mortuary. Graveside services and burial will follow at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Huntington. Rev. Ray Scribner will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to Airedale Terrier Rescue and Adoption or the Humane Society of Huntington County in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN 46750.

Please sign the online guestbook at www.baileylove.com

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Frank S. Allen, 57

Frank S. Allen, age 57, of Kendallville died on Wednesday, December 21, 2011 at his Kendallville home.

Frank was born in Fort Wayne on November 17, 1954 to Roman L. Allen Sr. and Dorothy F. Allen.

He served his country in the United States Marine Corps.

Frank worked as a welder for Fruehoff in Fort Wayne, Slater Steel in Fort Wayne and TFC Canopy in LaOtto.

He was a member of the St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

Frank was an avid reader. He also enjoyed ice fishing, tying flies, cooking, computers, working on family geneology and watching classic TV shows. He loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Survivors include a daughter, Ramanda L. and Anthony Harman of Kendallville; two step-daughters, Jennifer Sillaway of Kendallville, Jeri Grubb and Matt Cain of Kendallville; seven grandchildren, Jordan Molen, Avin Molen, Ahryan Harman, Drew Sillaway, Kristopher Grubb, Ashley Campbell and Kylie Grubb; two great-grandchildren, Bradyn Campbell and Addison Grubb; three brothers, Jeff and Linda Allen of Big Long Lake, Jack Allen of Lansing, Michigan, Donald Allen of Fort Wayne; four sisters, Kathryn and Ronald Block of North Manchester, Marsha Houser of Fort Wayne, Ramona Tolbert of Fort Wayne, Patricia Allen of Fort Wayne; his companion, Janet Allen of Kendallville; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Roman L. Allen II; and a brother-in-law, Jesse Tolbert Sr.

Funeral services were Monday, December 26, 2011 at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Robert Shriner.

Burial was at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville, Indiana.

Preferred memorials may be made to the family for charities of their choice.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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Jeremiah F. Karn, 60

Jeremiah F. "Jerry" Karn, age 60 of Kendallville, died on Wednesday, December 21, 2011 at Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Kendallville.

He was born on November 29, 1951 in Fort Wayne, Indiana and was the son of Jerome J. Karn Sr., and Lucille Ida Mae Rolling. He came to the Kendallville area 6 years ago coming from Fort Wayne.

On November 10, 2005 he married Sandy (Miller) Crothers in Auburn. She survives in Kendallville.

Mr. Karn was a driver/delivery man for AALCO in Fort Wayne, and was the former owner of the Hi Ho Inn in Poe, Indiana.

Karaoke was the love of his life, and he loved to entertain people. In his younger years he enjoyed karate, cooking and once even got to cook for Elvis.

Surviving are his wife, Sandy, of Kendallville; three daughters, Jennifer (Brent) Boggs of Fort Wayne, Aimee (Eddie) Ramey of Fort Wayne and Ashley Karn of Kendallville; his son, Matthew (Lynn) Karn of Fort Wayne; stepdaughter, Abigail Crothers and her husband Baron Brendel of West LaFayette; brother, Jerome Karn II of Fort Wayne; grandson, Daniel Ramey; step-grandson Robbie Brendel; three granddaughters, Brooke Ramey, Morgan Karn and Peyton Karn.

He is preceded in death by his parents; two sisters; his first wife, Jackie Byers; a granddaughter, Megan Ramey; and a grandson, Russell Ramey.

Funeral services for Mr. Karn were on Tuesday, December 27, 2011 at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. Chaplain Ken Weaver officiated.

Cremation followed the funeral service.

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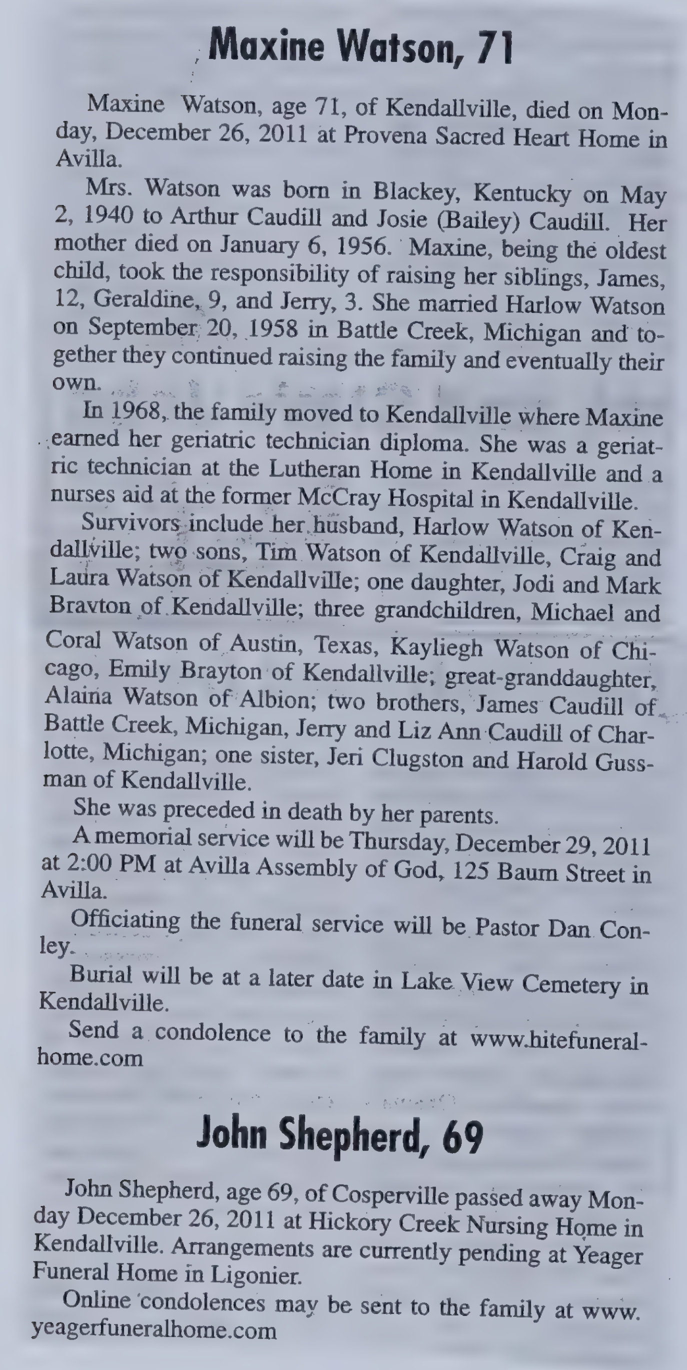

Maxine Watson, 71

Maxine Watson, age 71, of Kendallville, died on Monday, December 26, 2011 at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Watson was born in Blackey, Kentucky on May 2, 1940 to Arthur Caudill and Josie (Bailey) Caudill. Her mother died on January 6, 1956. Maxine, being the oldest child, took the responsibility of raising her siblings, James, 12, Geraldine, 9, and Jerry, 3. She married Harlow Watson on September 20, 1958 in Battle Creek, Michigan and together they continued raising the family and eventually their own.

In 1968, the family moved to Kendallville where Maxine earned her geriatric technician diploma. She was a geriatric technician at the Lutheran Home in Kendallville and a nurses aid at the former McCray Hospital in Kendallville.

Survivors include her husband, Harlow Watson of Kendallville; two sons, Tim Watson of Kendallville, Craig and Laura Watson of Kendallville; one daughter, Jodi and Mark Bravton of Kendallville; three grandchildren, Michael and Coral Watson of Austin, Texas, Kayliegh Watson of Chicago, Emily Brayton of Kendallville; great-granddaughter, Alaina Watson of Albion; two brothers, James Caudill of Battle Creek, Michigan, Jerry and Liz Ann Caudill of Charlotte, Michigan; one sister, Jeri Clugston and Harold Gussman of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

A memorial service will be Thursday, December 29, 2011 at 2:00 PM at Avilla Assembly of God, 125 Baum Street in Avilla.

Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Dan Conley.

Burial will be at a later date in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

John Shepherd, 69

John Shepherd, age 69, of Cosperville passed away Monday December 26, 2011 at Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Kendallville. Arrangements are currently pending at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com

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James E. Alford, 62

James Edward Alford, age 62, of Cromwell, IN passed away Monday December 26, 2011 at Marion VA Hospital in Marion, IN. He was born on March 12, 1949 to James L. and Julia A. (Shaw) Alford in Manchester, TN. On January 26, 1980 he married Nettie Jean Jacobs in Cromwell, IN.

He served in the United States Army during Vietnam working as a supply truck driver. He enjoyed working with wood, model cars, and his cats.

He is survived by his wife, Nettie Alford of Cromwell; three children, Lisa (Keith) Dunbar of Wawaka, Peggy (James) Jonas of Albion, and Angel Terry of Cromwell; four grandchildren; and a brother Robert (Robbie) Tate of Woodbury, TN.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A funeral service will be held in Mr. Alford's honor on Thursday December 29, 2011 at 1 PM at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN 46767 with Pastor Jimmy Shepherd officiating. Burial will take place at Maple Grove Cemetery in Topeka, IN.

A visitation will be held on Wednesday, December 28, 2011 from 2-4 and 6-8 PM at Yeager Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be directed to Noble County Humane Society.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Barbara A. Kief, 72

Barbara A. Kief, age 72, of Glenwood, AR, formerly of Ligonier, IN passed away on Monday, December 19, 2011 at 7:40 p.m. She was born on May 6, 1939 to Chester & Ethel (Reed) Staton in Noble County, IN. She married James Kief on June 27, 1964. He preceded her in death in April of 2011.

Mrs. Kief retired from Silgan Plastics in 2002 after 44 years of service as a dispatcher. She loved to garden and read.

She is survived by her children, Joseph (Danita) Johnson of Glenwood, AR, Kellie (Jeffrey) Terry of Kendallville, IN; five grandsons, J.J. (Lindsay), Jeremy, Jordan, Jared, and Jed Johnson; two great-granddaughters, Madison and Kensie; and one brother, Olin "Gene" (Margaret) Staton of Fairfield Bay, AR; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one son, Jon Kief; husband; parents; two brothers, John and Robert Staton; and one sister, Donnabelle Hill.

A funeral service was held on Friday, December 23, 2011 at Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier, IN with Celebrant Larry Baker officiating. Burial took place at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorial contributions are to the American Heart Association , 208 S. LaSalle St., Suite 900, Chicago, IL 60604 and the American Lung Association, 115 W. Washington St., Suite 1180-S, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

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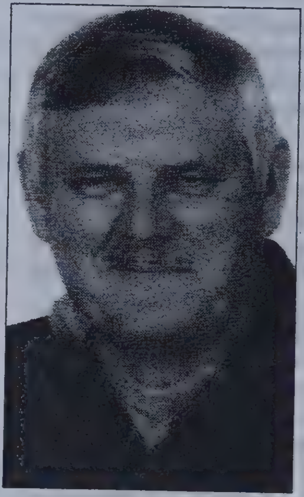
David L. Schomaker, 68



David Lynn Schomaker, age 68, peacefully went to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Wednesday, December 21, 2011 at his home in Avilla.

Mr. Schomaker was born and raised on a farm in Spencer, Iowa on March 31, 1943 to the late Bill and Belle (Dickerson) Schomaker.

He married Uthelene Conley on October 25,1980 at the Community Baptist Church near South Milford.

Dave was a semi truck driver for forty years. He was employed with JB Hunt Transportation for ten years.

Before that, he drove semi for the Tyson Corporation for many years.

In his earlier days, Dave worked with his dad on the farm and drove a school bus.

He also owned and operated a trucking company.

He loved going to church at Harbor Of Love Baptist

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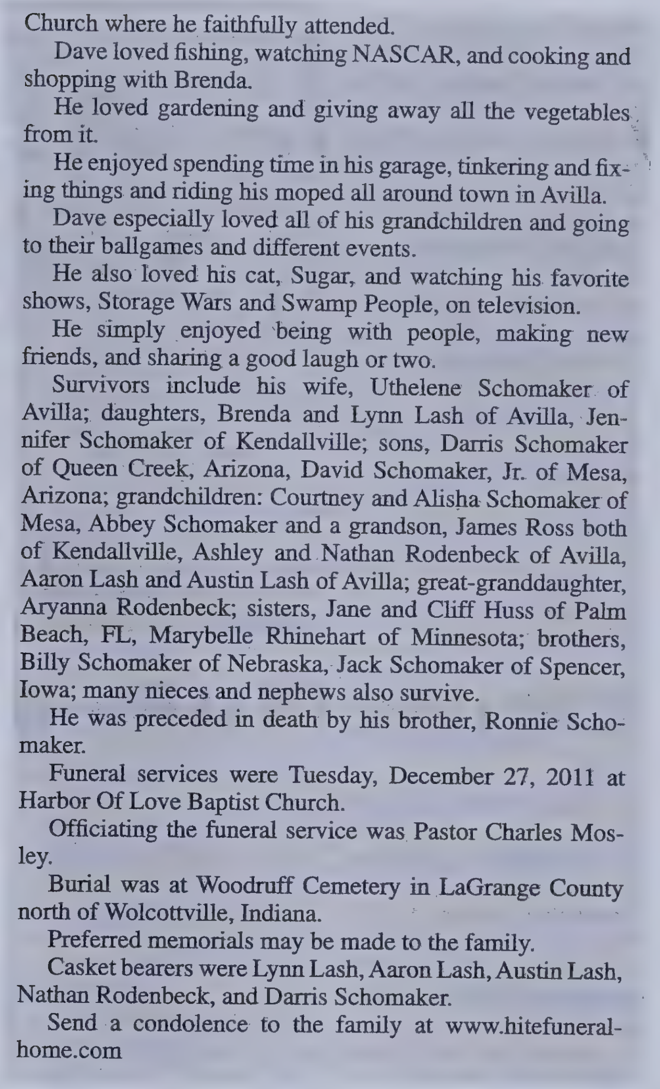

Church where he faithfully attended.

Dave loved fishing, watching NASCAR, and cooking and shopping with Brenda.

He loved gardening and giving away all the vegetables from it.

He enjoyed spending time in his garage, tinkering and fixing things and riding his moped all around town in Avilla.

Dave especially loved all of his grandchildren and going to their ballgames and different events.

He also loved his cat, Sugar, and watching his favorite shows, Storage Wars and Swamp People, on television.

He simply enjoyed being with people, making new friends, and sharing a good laugh or two.

Survivors include his wife, Uthelene Schomaker of Avilla; daughters, Brenda and Lynn Lash of Avilla, Jennifer Schomaker of Kendallville; sons, Darris Schomaker of Queen Creek, Arizona, David Schomaker, Jr. of Mesa, Arizona; grandchildren: Courtney and Alisha Schomaker of Mesa, Abbey Schomaker and a grandson, James Ross both of Kendallville, Ashley and Nathan Rodenbeck of Avilla, Aaron Lash and Austin Lash of Avilla; great-granddaughter, Aryanna Rodenbeck; sisters, Jane and Cliff Huss of Palm Beach, FL, Marybelle Rhinehart of Minnesota; brothers, Billy Schomaker of Nebraska, Jack Schomaker of Spencer, Iowa; many nieces and nephews also survive.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Ronnie Schomaker.

Funeral services were Tuesday, December 27, 2011 at Harbor Of Love Baptist Church.

Officiating the funeral service was Pastor Charles Mosley.

Burial was at Woodruff Cemetery in LaGrange County north of Wolcottville, Indiana.

Preferred memorials may be made to the family.

Casket bearers were Lynn Lash, Aaron Lash, Austin Lash, Nathan Rodenbeck, and Darris Schomaker.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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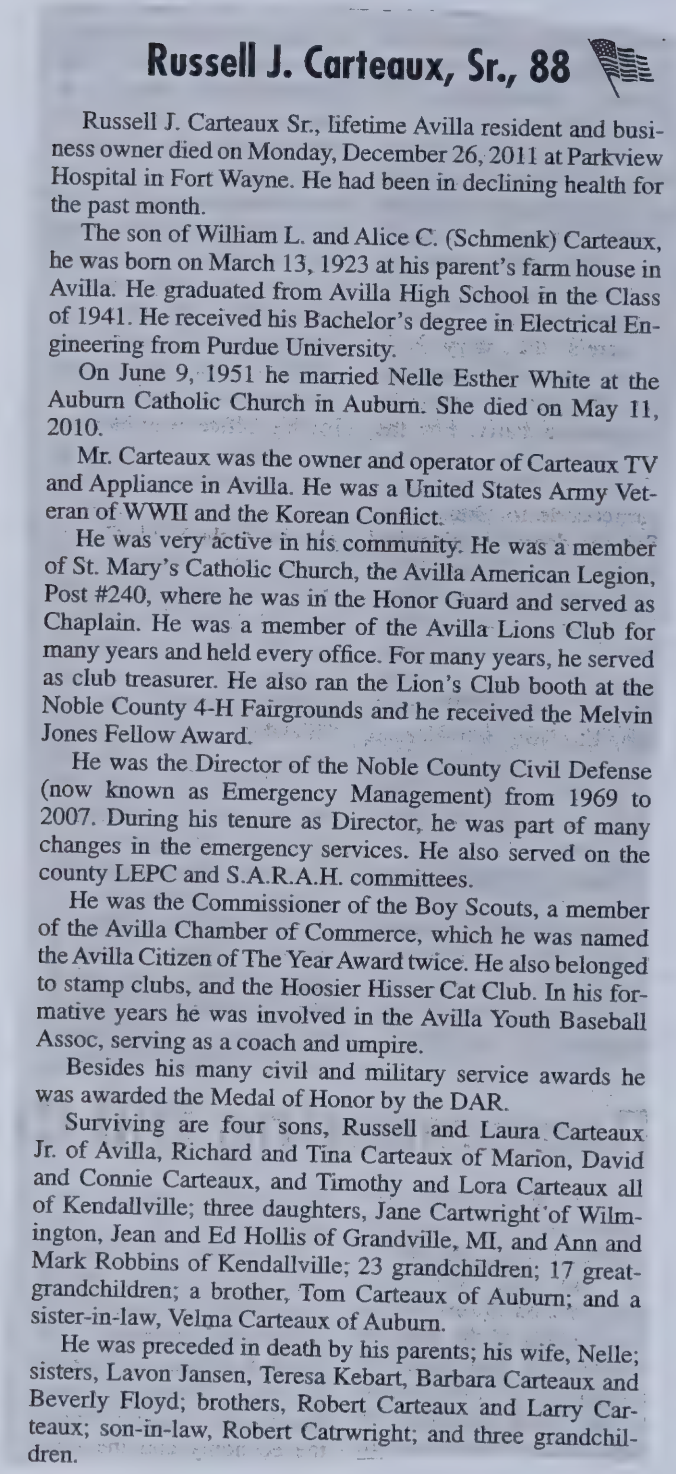

Russell J. Carteaux, Sr., 88

Russell J. Carteaux Sr., lifetime Avilla resident and business owner died on Monday, December 26, 2011 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had been in declining health for the past month.

The son of William L. and Alice C. (Schmenk) Carteaux, he was born on March 13, 1923 at his parent's farm house in Avilla. He graduated from Avilla High School in the Class of 1941. He received his Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from Purdue University.

On June 9, 1951 he married Nelle Esther White at the Auburn Catholic Church in Auburn. She died on May 11, 2010.

Mr. Carteaux was the owner and operator of Carteaux TV and Appliance in Avilla. He was a United States Army Veteran of WWII and the Korean Conflict.

He was very active in his community. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, the Avilla American Legion, Post #240, where he was in the Honor Guard and served as Chaplain. He was a member of the Avilla Lions Club for many years and held every office. For many years, he served as club treasurer. He also ran the Lion's Club booth at the Noble County 4-H Fairgrounds and he received the Melvin Jones Fellow Award.

He was the Director of the Noble County Civil Defense (now known as Emergency Management) from 1969 to 2007. During his tenure as Director, he was part of many changes in the emergency services. He also served on the county LEPC and S.A.R.A.H. committees.

He was the Commissioner of the Boy Scouts, a member of the Avilla Chamber of Commerce, which he was named the Avilla Citizen of The Year Award twice. He also belonged to stamp clubs, and the Hoosier Hisser Cat Club. In his formative years he was involved in the Avilla Youth Baseball Assoc, serving as a coach and umpire.

Besides his many civil and military service awards he was awarded the Medal of Honor by the DAR.

Surviving are four sons, Russell and Laura Carteaux Jr. of Avilla, Richard and Tina Carteaux of Marion, David and Connie Carteaux, and Timothy and Lora Carteaux all of Kendallville; three daughters, Jane Cartwright of Wilmington, Jean and Ed Hollis of Grandville, MI, and Ann and Mark Robbins of Kendallville; 23 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; a brother, Tom Carteaux of Auburn; and a sister-in-law, Velma Carteaux of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Nelle; sisters, Lavon Jansen, Teresa Kebart, Barbara Carteaux and Beverly Floyd; brothers, Robert Carteaux and Larry Carteaux; son-in-law, Robert Catrwright; and three grandchildren.

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Mass of Christian Burial will be on Friday, December 30, 2011 at 11:00 AM at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. Father Ed Eperlding will officiate.

Visitation will be from 2-5 and 6-8 PM on Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. A rosary service will be at 8:00.

Burial following the Mass will be at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

American Legion Post #240 will conduct Military rites. His grandchildren will serve as pallbearers and Honorary Pallbearer will be Bruce Carteaux.

Please make memorials in memory to the Lions Club Scholarship Fund or the American Legion Scholarship Fund.

Go to brazzellfuneralhome.com to send online condolences.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
December 29, 2011, Thursday

Cory Whitcomb

HOWE — Corey A. Whitcomb, 25, of Howe, Ind., died Tuesday, December 27, 2011, at his residence.

Living his lifetime in LaGrange County, he was a 2004 graduate of Lakeland High School in LaGrange, Ind.

He worked at Lewis and Lambright, Inc. in LaGrange, Ind., and had attended Scott United Methodist Church in Scott, Ind.

Mr. Whitcomb

Corey was very generous and was an avid hunter and fisherman.

On February 2, 1986, in Sturgis, Mich., he was born to Myron S. and Dodie (Lambright) Whitcomb.

Surviving are his mother, Dodie Whitcomb and her fiancé, J.R. Hart, both of Shipshewana, Ind; his father and stepmother, Myron and Joanne Whitcomb of Sturgis, Mich.; a half sister, Jennifer Stewart of San Diego, Calif.; a half brother, Christopher Yeager of Albion, Ind.; his maternal grandparents, Harvey and Patricia Lambright of Howe, Ind.; his paternal grandparents, Harvey and Beverly Whitcomb of Sturgis, Mich.; aunts and uncles, Denise and Carl Scott of LaGrange, Ind., Debra Lambright and Meredith Cameron of LaGrange, Ind., Brian Whitcomb of Sturgis, Mich., Lynette and James Taulbee of Portland, Mich., and Vaughn and Karen Whitcomb of Sturgis, Mich.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, December 31, 2011, at 10 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, Ind., with the Rev. Jeffrey Stedge officiating.

Burial will be in Brighton Cemetery in rural Howe, Ind.

Visitation will be on Friday, December 30, 2011, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Scott United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Rutha New

GARRETT — Rutha New, 73, of Garrett died Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2011, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Visitation is Friday after 3 p.m. at Mt. Calvary United Baptist Church in Stroh.

Funeral services are Saturday at the church at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Willie Collins officiating. Burial will be at Corunna Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Thora Knight

CHILLICOTHE, Mo. — Thora Ann Hawkins Knight, 79, of Chillicothe died Sunday, Dec. 18, 2011, in Chillicothe from lung cancer.

Mrs. Knight

Mrs. Knight was a former 20-year resident of northeast Indiana and a 1951 graduate of Ligonier High School.

She moved to Phoenix, Ariz., from Indiana and resided there 50 years before moving to Chillicothe three years ago.

Mrs. Knight was a homemaker, radio DJ and TV personality. She was also associated in public relations for an elder care facility for several years.

She was born June 25, 1932, in Fort Wayne to Ralph and Lillian Hawkins. She first married Richard Stamets of Goshen and later married Robert Knight.

Surviving are a daughter, Valerie San Filippo of Chula, Mo.; a brother, Thomas A. Hawkins of Garrett; and a sister, Nancy L. Gangwer of Ligonier.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Steven Stamets; and a brother James L. Hawkins.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Interment will be in Oak Lawn Cemetery in Ligonier.

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December 29, 2011, Thursday

Laben Lumpkins

WATERLOO — Laben B. Lumpkins, 88, of Waterloo died Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2011, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Lumpkins worked in the buff and polish department at Ball Brass Foundry for 20 years before retiring in 1983.

Mr. Lumpkins

He was a U.S. Navy Seaman 1st Class during WWII and a member of the Waterloo Lions Club.

He was born Jan. 5, 1923, in Greenup County, Ky., to Ruben J. and Eveline (Mullens) Lumpkins. He married Patricia Freed on Nov. 15, 1948, in Waterloo and she survives.

He is also survived by four children, Debra Y. Swift of Farmland, Ind., Diana L. (Kenneth) Ross of Kendallville, Gregory D. (Patricia) Lumpkins of Waterloo, and Blaine T. (Marcy) Lumpkins of Fremont; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Vera Guilkey of McDerment, Ohio, and Ruby (Don) Holt of Friendship, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Howard L. Lumpkins; three brothers, Roy Lumpkins, Carl Lumpkins and Clifford Lumpkins; and three sisters, Lottie Canfield, Katherine Lumpkins and Ginny Long.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating.

Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery with graveside military honors conducted by American Legion Post # 97 of Auburn.

Visitation is from 11 a.m. until the service at 3 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. The Waterloo Lions Club will hold a Lions Club memorial service at 10:45 a.m. prior to the start of visitation. Memorials are to the Waterloo Lions Club.

To send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Raymond Cicso

BUTLER — Raymond Cisco, 53, of Butler died Thursday, Dece. 22, 2011, at DeKalb Health in Auburn.

Funeral services were Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Mary McEntarfer

ASHLEY — Mary E. McEntarfer, 80, died Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2011, at 2:35 p.m. at Lakeland Nursing Home in Angola.

Mrs. McEntarfer was a cashier at Kroger's in New Haven for 15 years.

Mrs. McEntarfer

She was a member of Angola American Legion Post #31 and V.F.W. of Angola #7205.

She was born in Lawrenceville, Ill. on January 1, 1931, to Oden G. and Pearl I. (Lemeron) Shidler. She married Robert McEntarfer Jr. on Nov. 4, 1959. He died June 1, 1978. She then married Clyde E. McEntarfer on Jan 23, 1989. He survives.

Also surviving are five daughters, Teresa Abel of Leo, Roberta (Ken) Miller of Ashley, Virginia (Dave) Tester of Huntington, Pamela (Richard) Myers of Spencerville and Patricia (Dorsey) Brown of Waterloo; one brother, Charles Shidler of Rock Spring, Ga.; 16 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two sons, Thomas and Robert.

Visitation will be from 1-3 and 5-7 p.m. Friday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with a memorial service at 3 p.m. Pastor John Boyanowski will officiate.

Burial will be at a later date.

Memorials are to Angola American Legion Post #31.

Send condolences online to www.dalejohnsonfh.com.

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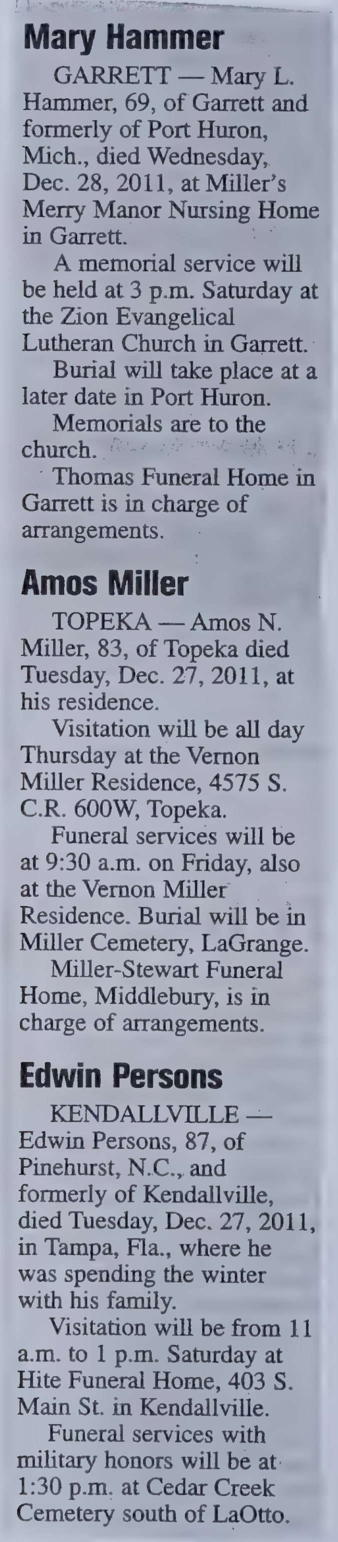

Mary Hammer

GARRETT — Mary L. Hammer, 69, of Garrett and formerly of Port Huron, Mich., died Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2011, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Garrett.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett.

Burial will take place at a later date in Port Huron.

Memorials are to the church.

Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett is in charge of arrangements.

Amos Miller

TOPEKA — Amos N. Miller, 83, of Topeka died Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2011, at his residence.

Visitation will be all day Thursday at the Vernon Miller Residence, 4575 S. C.R. 600W, Topeka.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, also at the Vernon Miller Residence. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery, LaGrange.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

Edwin Persons

KENDALLVILLE — Edwin Persons, 87, of Pinehurst, N.C., and formerly of Kendallville, died Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2011, in Tampa, Fla., where he was spending the winter with his family.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St. in Kendallville.

Funeral services with military honors will be at 1:30 p.m. at Cedar Creek Cemetery south of LaOtto.

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Kendallville, IN
December 30, 2011, Friday

Karon Ernest

AUBURN — Karon C. Ernest, 64, died Tuesday, December 27, 2011, at her home in Auburn.

She was born in Fort Wayne on July 11, 1947, to Harold and Ruth (Shuler) Cartwright. Her father has passed away and her mother survives in Fort Wayne.

She worked for 36 years at Cooper Tire and Rubber, retiring in 2004.

She enjoyed golfing.

She married Larry Ernest on January 27, 1968, in Auburn and he passed away just three weeks ago on December 1, 2011.

She is survived by her mother, Ruth of Fort Wayne; a son, Shannon Ernest of Kendallville; three grandchildren, Sonja Coleman, David Ernest and Lydia Dove; and her brothers and sisters, Brenda (Dan) Sewards of Spencerville, Harold "Mike" (Deb) Cartwright of Fort Wayne, Kay Perkins of New Haven and Brian Cartwright of North Webster.

She was preceded in death by her father, her husband, and twin sisters, Barbara Rae and Deborah Kay Cartwright.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held 11:30 a.m. Monday, January 2, 2012, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn. Burial is in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. A rosary will be recited Sunday at 5 p.m. at the funeral home. Additional calling is Monday 1 hour prior to the Mass from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the church.

Preferred memorials can be directed to SPCA or masses.

To send condolences visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Delbert Martin Sr.

AUBURN — Delbert E. Martin Sr. passed away Wednesday December 28, 2011, at his home at Smith Manor in Auburn.

He was born August 31, 1931, in Butler to Donald and Virginia (Lawhead) Martin.

Delbert owned and operated Mold Service Inc. in Butler since 1961. This year was their 50th year in business.

He was a U.S. Army veteran.

He was a member and very active in the Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church and for a number of years he taught Sunday school and was active in the Girard United Methodist Church in Girard, Mich.

He was a 1955 graduate of Defiance College in Defiance, Ohio.

He is a member of the Forest Lodge #239 of the Masonic Lodge.

In the 1960s and a little later he was active in local aviation. He flew planes and was involved in the local aviation club. He loved to restore and show antique tractors.

Delbert married Beverly Carr on Christmas Day 59 years ago, December 25, 1952, in Butler and she was by his side when he passed away Wednesday evening.

He is also survived by three children, Rita Reeder and her husband, James, of Terre Haute, Retha Martin and her husband, Robert Van Alstine, of Cataula, Ga., and Gene Martin and his wife, Nancy, of Orland; four grandchildren, Mercedes (David) Ofsansky, Chanel Reeder, Keith (Marcia) Groff and Stephanie Groff; and one great-grandson, Logan Groff; and three sisters, Donna Parker, Ruth (Doug) Meyer of West Unity, Ohio, and Sarah Mattero of California.

Delbert was preceded in death by his parents; two daughters, Rachel Martin and Rhonda Martin; a brother, Paul Martin; and a sister, Madgeline Wicks.

Services will be 11 a.m. Monday, January 2, 2012, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, Ind., with the Rev. Michael Halferty officiating. Burial will be in Edgerton Cemetery, Edgerton Ohio.

Calling is Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. and also Monday 1 hour prior to the service from 10 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Memorials can be directed to Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church or DeKalb Home Health and Hospice.

To send condolences visit www.fellerandclark.com.

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Edwin Persons

KENDALLVILLE — Edwin Persons, age 87, of Pinehurst, North Carolina, and formerly of Kendallville, Indiana, passed away Tuesday, December 27, 2011, in Tampa, Florida.

Ed was born in Heavener, Oklahoma, the youngest child of John and Nova Persons.

Ed proudly served in the 101St Airborne during World War II, participating in its efforts on D-Day and at the Battle of the Bulge.

Ed married Margaret Beltz from LaOtto, Indiana ,in 1947 and they had two children, Connie and Edwin "Bud."

Ed and Margaret enjoyed their last years living in Pinehurst, North Carolina.

Ed was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, John; his beloved wife, Margaret; and his son, "Bud."

He is survived by his sister, Christine Davidson in Hartshorne, Oklahoma; his daughter, Connie, and son-in-law, Jack, in Tampa, Florida; his grandson, Greg, with wife, Michel, and great-grandchildren, Gavin and Estel, in Tampa; plus grandson, Carey, with wife, Liza, and great-grandchildren, Oliver and Cecelia, in St. Louis, Missouri; and of course numerous nieces and nephews from the Persons and Beltz families.

Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, December 31, 2011, at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St. in Kendallville.

Graveside services, with military honors, will be held Saturday, December 31, at 1:30 p.m. at Cedar Creek Cemetery south of LaOtto. Pastor Justin Smoots will officiating the service.

Military honors will be provided by the honor guard teams from the VFW Post #2749 in Kendallville and the American Legion Post #381 in Rome City. A flag-folding ceremony and presentation will be conducted by active duty troops from the Indiana National Guard Regional Honor Guard team.

Send condolences online to the Person's family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Rutha New

GARRETT — Rutha Jane "Mama" New, age 73, of Garrett went to be with the Lord and her beloved husband, Dave, on Tuesday, December 27, 2011, with her family at her beside, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. New

Mrs. New was born in Pikeville, Kentucky, on March 31, 1938, to the late Harry and Louannie (Mosley) Gooslin.

She married Dave New on July 31, 1952, and he preceded her death on July 6, 1991.

Mamaw was a dedicated homemaker, devoted wife and stern yet loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. She also worked part time as a seamstress with Messenger Sewing in Auburn.

Mamaw enjoyed working in the garden, tending to her flower beds, sewing and quilting, and being with her grandchildren and family.

Survivors include seven daughters, Louellen France of Garrett, Donna and Ken Gamble of Garrett, Marta New of Garrett, Sheila and Cecil Pridemore of Albion, Tammy and Scott Combs of Garrett, Sherry and Jim Irvin of Auburn and Christina and Jacob Picklesimer of Garrett; a son, Roger and Lisa New of Garrett; 23 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a son-in-law, Harold France who died November 11, 2002; three grandchildren, Marcella Hicks Mullins, Luke Andrew New and Jeffrey Scott Souder II; one great-grandchild, Lucas Edward Mullins; a brother, Bobby Gooslin; and a sister, Juanita Daniels.

Visitation will be today, Friday, December 30, 2011, after 3 p.m. at Mt. Calvary United Baptist Church in Stroh.

Funeral services will be Saturday, December 31, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Mt. Calvary United Baptist. Officiating the funeral service will be the Rev. Willie Collins.

Burial will be at Corunna Cemetery.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Mamaw by today at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Corey Whitcomb

HOWE — Corey A. Whitcomb, 25, of Howe, Ind., died Tuesday, December 27, 2011, at his residence.

Living his lifetime in LaGrange County, he was a 2004 graduate of Lakeland High School in LaGrange, Ind.

He worked at Lewis and Lambright, Inc. in LaGrange, Ind., and had attended Scott United Methodist Church in Scott, Ind.

Mr. Whitcomb

Corey was very generous and was an avid hunter and fisherman.

On February 2, 1986, in Sturgis, Mich., he was born to Myron S. and Dodie (Lambright) Whitcomb.

Surviving are his mother, Dodie Whitcomb and her fiancé, J.R. Hart, both of Shipshewana, Ind; his father and stepmother, Myron and Joanne Whitcomb of Sturgis, Mich.; a half sister, Jennifer Stewart of San Diego, Calif.; a half brother, Christopher Yeager of Albion, Ind.; his maternal grandparents, Harvey and Patricia Lambright of Howe, Ind.; his paternal grandparents, Harvey and Beverly Whitcomb of Sturgis, Mich.; aunts and uncles, Denise and Carl Scott of LaGrange, Ind., Debra Lambright and Meredith Cameron of LaGrange, Ind., Brian Whitcomb of Sturgis, Mich.; Lynette and James Taulbee of Portland, Mich., and Vaughn and Karen Whitcomb of Sturgis, Mich.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, December 31, 2011, at 10 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, Ind., with the Rev. Jeffrey Stedge officiating.

Burial will be in Brighton Cemetery in rural Howe, Ind.

Visitation will be on Friday, December 30, 2011, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Scott United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome. com.

Dorothy Mittendorf

HUNTERTOWN — Dorothy J. Mittendorf, 86, of Huntertown died Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2011, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Mrs. Mittendorf spent her formative years in Madison County, and graduated from Summitville High School in 1943.

Mrs. Mittendorf

She had been employed in the cafeteria at Huntertown School and Carroll High School, and later retired in 1991 from food services at the Byron Health Center.

Mrs. Mittendorf was a member of the Huntertown United Methodist Church, its United Methodist Women, and the Perry Township Homemakers.

She was born Dec. 17, 1925, in Summitville to Stephen and Myrtle (Poindexter) Ellsworth. She married Ralph Mittendorf Jr. on Feb. 1, 1947, in Detroit, Mich. He survives.

Also surviving are a son, David L. (Cathy) Mittendorf of Huntertown; a brother, Jerome J. Ellsworth of Dearborn, Mich; a sister, Barbara Weber of Rock Island, Ill; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Connie S. Davis on Feb. 8, 2009.

Funeral services will beat 11 a. m. Saturday in the Huntertown United Methodist Church, 16021 Lima Road, with Pastor Greg Hiatt, officiating. Interment will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and at the church one hour prior to the service.

Interment will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

Memorials are to Huntertown United Methodist Church, P. O. Box 426, Huntertown, IN 46748

To leave an online condolence, go to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

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Francisco Duron

LIGONIER — Francisco Duron, son of Francisco and Yadira Duron of Ligonier, died shortly after birth Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2011, at Dupont Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A private family service will be held at Yeager Funeral Home. A cremation committal will take place at Legacy Cremation & Remembrance Center in Ligonier.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the family.

Ruth Freed

KENDALLVILLE — Ruth Freed, 92, died Thursday, Dec. 29, 2011, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Funeral services will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in the chapel at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla with Tom Novy officiating.

Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in DeKalb County.

Visitation will be from 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday at Provena Sacred Heart Home.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Virgil Sautter

Mr. Sautter

WARSAW — Virgil M. Sautter, 92, of Warsaw, Ind., and a former LaGrange County resident, died Wednesday, December 28, 2011, at Miller's Merry Manor in Warsaw, Ind.

Living most of his lifetime in LaGrange County, he was a retired farmer and had worked as a plasterer and carpenter.

A true outdoorsman, he was an avid gardener and fisherman, and loved to dance and crochet.

Mr. Sautter was born on October 5, 1919, in LaGrange County, Ind., to Melvin Henry and Erma (Pocock) Sautter.

Surviving are a son and two daughters-in-law, Ted and Katie Sautter of Bristol, Ind., and Carolyn Sautter-Young of Warsaw, Ind.; three grandchildren and their spouses, Todd and Holly Sautter of Leesburg, Ind., Cathy and Randy Gilomen of Highland, Ill., and Mindy and Galen Albrechdt of Bay City, Mich.; six great-grandchildren, Michael, Shawna and Garrett Sautter of Leesburg, Ind., Jessica Albrechdt of Bay City, Mich., and Trisha and Dustin Gilomen of Highland, Ill.; and a brother and sister-in-law, Charles J. and Kathryn Sautter of Howe, Ind.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Melvin H. and Erma Sautter; a stepmother, Gertrude Sautter; a son, Richard Allen Sautter in 1970; and a sister, Lucille E. Oliver.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, December 31, 2011, at 3 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, Ind., with the Rev. James Bartlett officiating.

Visitation will be from 1 p.m. until the 3 p.m. service on Saturday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in English Prairie Cemetery in rural Howe, Ind.

Memorials may be made to Kosciusko Home Care and Hospice.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmay funeralhome. com.

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James Remke

AVILLA — James T. "Bud" Remke, 87, died Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2011, at 8:55 p.m. from injuries suffered in a fall.

He moved to Avilla, Ind., in 1950. On May 3, 1952, he married Retha (Fischer) Remke, and she survives in Avilla.

Mr. Remke

He enjoyed woodcraft, gardening and repairing lawnmowers. He loved socializing, playing cards and cheering for the Detroit Tigers.

Born Nov. 1, 1924, in Lawrenceburg, Tenn., to Andrew and Alma (Kraus) Remke. He worked on the family farm and as a driver for the Lawrenceburg Dairy. After moving to Indiana, he worked at International Harvester for 32 years until his retirement in 1981.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Diane (Mike) Mapes of Auburn; sons, Roger (Diane) Remke of Wheaton, Ill., Charles Remke (Sharon Schamberg) of Fort Wayne and Glenn (Julie) Remke of Fernley, Nev.; his grandchildren, Erin (Jeff) Sako of LaPorte, Ind., Angela (Shane) Turner of Auburn, Andrew Mapes (Rikki Salyers) of Indianapolis, Rachel Remke and Jessica Remke of Chicago, Cortney (Tyler) Gardiner of Fort Wayne, Erica Remke of Huntington, Taylor Remke of West Lafayette, Nick Remke of Fernley, Nev., and Elizabeth Schamberg of Auburn.

Also surviving are a great-granddaughter, Riley Gardiner, and a brother and sister, Clarence (Anna Bell) Remke and Nellie Remke of Lawrenceburg.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother and sister, Edward Remke and Helen Evers of Lawrenceburg. Another sister, Rose Ann Remke, died as an infant.

Visitation is from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 1, 2012, at Brazzell Funeral Home, 530 N. Main St., Avilla.

A Mass of Christian Burial is at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 2, 2012, at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church, 228 N. Main St, Avilla, with visitation an hour prior to the service. The Rev. Edward Erpelding will officiate.

Burial will follow at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery.

Memorials are to the church.

To sign online register book go to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
December 31, 2011, Saturday

Ruth Freed

AVILLA — Ruth Harriett Freed, age 92, of Avilla and Kendallville, died on Thursday, December 29, 2011, at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla, where she resided the past five years.

Mrs. Freed was born in Kendallville on October 4, 1919, to the late William Harry Wilson and Esther Ruth (Streb) Wilson.

She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1927.

She married Howard Jay Freed on June 11, 1936, in Albion, Indiana, and he preceded her death on September 1, 2006.

Ruth was a nurse's aide at the old Lutheran Home on Mitchell Street in Kendallville for 14 years.

She was a loving mother and wonderful cook. Ruth loved living the later years of her life at the Sacred Heart Home.

She received such excellent care there and enjoyed all the social activities they organized for the residents.

Ruth especially enjoyed playing bingo.

Survivors include her daughter, Elizabeth "Dolly" Kollman of Kendallville; her son, Kenneth and Sally Freed of Sylvan Lake in Rome City; her son-in-law, Bill Terry of Kendallville; her grandchildren, Todd Kollman, Tawna and Jim Swartzlander, Melissa and Stephen Remke, Benny and Pam Terry, and Christopher and Crystal Terry, all of Kendallville, and Joseph Freed of Rome City; her 12 great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Sharon Kay Terry on February 25, 2008; and her brother, Jim Wilson on March 28, 2008.

Visitation will be today, Saturday, December 31, 2011, from 1-2:30 p.m. in the chapel at Provena Sacred Heart Home, 515 N. Main St. in Avilla.

Funeral services will follow the visitation at 2:30 p.m. Officiating the funeral service will be Thomas Novy.

Burial will be at Fairfield Center Cemetery near Corunna, Indiana.

Preferred memorials may be made to Provena Sacred Heart Home activities fund.

Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St. in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Michael Sherman

CHURUBUSCO — Micheal E. Sherman, 72, a resident of Urbana, Ohio, and formerly of Churubusco died Thursday, Dec. 29, 2011, at his home.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Cornerstone Wesleyan Church in Merriam. Burial will be Wednesday in the Oakdale Cemetery, Urbana, Ohio.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Monday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and one hour prior to the services Tuesday at the church.

Memorial are to Community Mercy Hospice, 444 W. Harding Road, Springfield, OH 45504

Estela Bowers

HOWE — Estela V. Bowers, 69, of Howe died Thursday, Dec. 29, 2011, at her residence.

Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in LaGrange.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation National Headquarters, Donations, 6520 North Andrews Ave., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309-2130.

Carl Gaff

ALBION — Carl Louis Gaff, 80, of Albion died Friday, Dec. 30, 2011, at North Ridge Village Nursing Center in Albion.

Visitation will be from 3-7 p.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Burial will be at Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Visitation will be from 3-7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home and one hour before the funeral service.

Memorials are to Noble County EMS or to Berean Baptist Church.

Cathy Boone-Lahnum

ANGOLA — Cathy E. Boone-Lahnum, 47, of Angola died Dec. 27, 2011, at her home.

There will be no public visitation or services. A private family service will be held.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

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I apologize if there are any errors.

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